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SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Synod of New Jersey

HELD IN THE

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SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

The Synod of New Jersey met in Atlantic City, in the First Church, on Tuesday, October 27th, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The Moderator read the following paper in explanation of the meeting of Synod at a time different from that to which it was adjourned, and as the warrant therefor: Change of date.

PHILADELPHIA, October 21st, 1896.

REV. WALTER A. BROOKS, D D.,

Stated Clerk of the Synod of New Jersey:

DEAR BROTHER—This is to certify that at the meeting of the General Assembly, held in Saratoga, New York, on May 21st, 1896, there were presented to the Assembly overtures from the Presbyteries of Monmouth and New Brunswick, asking that the Assembly would change the date of the meeting of the Synod of New Jersey from October 20th, 1896, to October 27th, 1896, for the reason that the exercises commemorative of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the College of New Jersey, at Princeton, were to be held during the week from October 19th to October 23d, and that the General Assembly granted the request and changed the date of the meeting of the said Synod of New Jersey to October 27th, 1896.

See Minutes of 1896, page 48.

WM. HENRY ROBERTS,

[SEAL.] *Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.*

After devotional services, the Synod listened to a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Henry S. Butler, D. D., from Ephesians 111:20.

At the close of the sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. In this service the Moderator was assisted by Rev. Hunter Corbett, D.D., of the Synod of China, and Rev. Eben B. Cobb, D.D , and by the following Ruling Elders: Eben S. Mathis, Joseph V. H. Reid, Charles Rommel, Albert C. Donaldson, Samuel Maryott, Robert T. Underhill, J. Reeve Sayre, O. H. McMurtrie, William J. Nevius, John L. Connett, Charles E. Hall, M.D., R. B. Vail.

The Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll of Synod.

The roll was called, and the following members were found present:

Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTERS—None.

ELDERS—None.

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS—Everard Kempshall, D.D., J. Garland Hamner, D.D., I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D D., John A. Liggett, D.D. (2), Samuel Parry, Eben B. Cobb, D.D., John T. Kerr (2), George Buckle, Wm. Hoppaugh, George B. Van Dyke, Harle W. Hathaway—11.

ELDERS—Benj. E. Young, Clinton; J. E. Marsh, Elizabeth, First; Chas. Rommel, Elizabeth, Second; Isaac Faulks, Elizabeth, Third; Elias D. Smith (2), Elizabeth, Greystone; Francis Grimstead (2), Perth Amboy; Wm. H. Shotwell, Plainfield, First; R. B. Vail, Rahway, Second; W. P. Stevenson, Roselle; Chas. G. Endicott, Westfield—10.

Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS—Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., J. Thompson Osler, Philo F. Leavens, D.D., George R. Garretson, Israel W. Hathaway, D.D., Charles Herr, D.D., James S. Young, C. Rudolph Kuebler—8.

ELDERS—Abraham P. Vail (2), Hackensack; Chas. A. De Witt, Jersey City, First; J. S. Biddell, Passaic; A. C. Donaldson, Rutherford; H. R. Jackson, Rutherford, First—5.

Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS—Alfred H. Dashiell, D.D., Benj. S. Everitt, D D., Joseph S. Van Dyke, D.D., Joseph H. Bradley, D.D., Edward

B. Hodge, D.D., Alex. H. Young, D.D., George Swain, D.D., Charles H. McClellan, D.D., Henry R. Hall, J. Beatty Howell, Thomas Tyack, D.D., Oliver A. Kerr, Wm. L. Cunningham, D.D, Frank R. Symmes, Wm. P. Finney, Wilmer McNair, Joseph E. Curry, James E. Grant, Harry W. Haring, Nathan Dushane Hynson, Frank Lukens, Courtland P. Butler, James J. Campbell—23.

ELDERS—George Waln, Allentown; Hugh B. Ely, Beverly; John G. Stults, Cranbury, First; Howard Russ, Delanco; Chas. E. Hall, M.D., Freehold; L. C. Updike, Hightstown; J. D. Holman (2), Holmanville; Samuel Maryott, Jamesburg; Eli Beard (2), Lakewood; F. S. Stines, Manasquan; William L. Terhune, Matawan; Thomas S. Colling, Moorestown; B. C. Wikoff, Shrewsbury—13.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

MINISTERS—Robert Aikman, D.D., O. H. Perry Deyo, Albert Erdman, D.D., John H. Scofield, Edward P. Gardner, Wm. W. Halloway, Jr., D.D., John Macnaughton, D.D., Theo. F. Chambers, Stanley White, Samuel J. McClenaghan, Asa Wynkoop, Wm. Russell Bennett, C. S. Osborne, Alexander N. Carson, D.D., Charles Townsend—15.

ELDERS—Geo. H. Kirkpatrick, Chatham; Wm. J. Hiss, East Orange, First; R. T. Underhill, East Orange, Brick; Henry M. Dalrymple, Morristown, First; Edward H. Williams, Orange, First; Charles H. Jones, Orange, Central; Wm. J. Nevius, South Orange, Trinity—7.

Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS—Isaiah B. Hopwood, D.D., Orville Reed, Hugh B. MacCauley, Ford C. Ottman, J. Garland Hamner, Jr., Joseph F. Folsom, Thomas R. Bridges, George H. Bonsall, Robinson P. D. Bennett—9.

ELDERS—J. Reeve Sayre, Newark, Second; R. S. Grummon, Newark, Third; Jos. Webber (2), Newark, Memorial; Dr. H. Bedell Crane (2), Newark, Park; Edwin Ferris, Montclair, Trinity—5.

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS—John T. Duffield, D.D., Samuel J. Milliken, Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D. (2), John B. Kugler, Charles P. Glover, Thomas S. Long, James Roberts, D.D., John Dixon, D.D. (2), Frank B. Everitt, Walter A. Brooks, D.D., Titus E. Davis (2), Horace D. Sassaman, James B. Clark, Wm. Allen,

Jr., Samuel H. Potter, Samuel McLanahan, James W. Rogan, D.D. (2), George H. Ingram (2)—18.

ELDERS—Martin J. Bellis, Amwell, First; Edward B. Holcombe, Amwell, Second; Andrew K. Hageman, Bound Brook; T. D. Brokaw, Dutch Neck; Jas. H. Cox, Ewing; John L. Connett, Flemington; Thos. Kay, New Brunswick, First; John E. Burd, Pennington; John B. Van Doren, Princeton, First; W. J. Owens, Trenton, First; J. F. Godley, Trenton, Third; S. W. Davison, Trenton, Fourth; J. C. Whitlock, Trenton, Fifth; Joseph V. H. Reid, Trenton, Prospect Street—14.

Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS—William Thomson, Henry S. Butler, D.D., S. Nye Hutchison, James De Hart Bruen (2), Jos. D. Hillman (2), Wm. Hollinshed, John C. Chapman, Irving Maxwell—8.

ELDERS—O. H. McMurtrie, Belvidere, First; D. C. McConachy, Blairstown; Samuel Stewart, Hackettstown; Wm. P. Coursen, Newton; John S. Stone, Stewartsville—5.

Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS—Allen H. Brown, Wm. Aikman, D.D., Henry Reeves, Ph.D., Frederic R. Brace, Ph.D., John Ewing, D.D., David H. Laverty, D.D., (2), Heber H. Beadle, James Bailie Adams, Alfred P. Botsford, John L. Landis, John E. Peters, Sc.D., (2), Geo. W. Tomson, Wm. J. Bridges, Arthur W. Spooner, D.D., John J. Kilbourn, Frank J. Mundy, D.D., Wm. V. Louderbough, Sylvester W. Beach, Herbert R. Rundall, Jas. C. Russell (2), I. Mench Chambers (2), Albert K. Staiger, Daniel I. Camp, Robert I. Gamon, Albert Reid, Albert E. Keigwin, Horace P. Hill (2), Thomas Fragale (2)—28.

ELDERS—Eben S. Mathis, Atlantic City, First; Christian Born, Atlantic City, German; Richard B. Stevenson, Blackwood; J. O. Burt, Bridgeton, First; Chas. B. Moore, Bridgeton, West; D. Wilson Moore, Clayton; E. C. Biddle, Deerfield; D. E. Iszard, Mays Landing; David Dare, Pittsgrove; Morris H. Stratton, Salem; Alfred Blizzard, Tuckahoe; R. C. Stevenson (2), Wenonah; Chas. K. Lippincott, Atlantic City, Olivet; Jacob H. Yocum, Camden, First; B. O. Titus (2), Camden, Second; J. H. McCullough, Camden, Calvary—16.

The following were invited to sit as

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. Frederick J. Stanley, D.D., L.H.D., Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D.D., Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D., Rev. Robert D. Sproull, D D., of the Synod of New York; Rev. Edward C. Ray, D D., of the Synod of Illinois; Rev. David J. Satterfield, D.D., of the Synod of Catawba; Rev. Hunter Corbett, D.D., of the Synod of China; Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., Rev. Joel S. Gilfillan, Rev. Albert B. Robinson, of the Synod of Pennsylvania; Rev. T. J. Cross, of Camden Baptist Association; Rev. Levi Larew, Rev. H. M. Smith, Rev. Henry Belding, Rev. W. W. Moffett, D.D., of New Jersey M. E. Conference.

The summary is as follows:

Presbytery.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
Elizabeth,	11	10
Jersey City,	8	5
Monmouth,	23	13
Morris and Orange,	15	7
Newark,	9	5
New Brunswick,	18	14
Newton,	8	5
West Jersey,	28	16
Total,	120	75

Ministers,	120
Elders,	75
Corresponding members,	15
Total	210

Moderator. Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt, D.D., of the Presbytery of Monmouth, was elected Moderator.

Rev. Frank B. Everitt was appointed Permanent Clerk *pro tem.*

Arrangements. The Committee of Arrangements reported, and the report was accepted and its recommendations adopted, as follows:

The Committee of Arrangements, representing the three Presbyterian churches of Atlantic City, welcome the Synod of New Jersey to Atlantic City. They recommend—

1. That the hours of session be from 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., and from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M., and from 7:30 P.M. to the time of adjournment, and that the last half-hour of the morning session be given to devotional services.

2. That Synodical Home Missions be the order for ten o'clock on Wednesday.

3. That the whole of Wednesday evening be given to the consideration of Foreign and Home Missions.

The Committee beg leave to present an additional report to-morrow morning.

The Synod adjourned with prayer until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 28th, 9 A.M.

The Synod re-assembled and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and the record was approved.

Vice-Moderator.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Sylvester W. Beach as Vice-Moderator, and the Standing Committees, with the exception of the Committees on Judicial Business and on the Records of the Presbytery of Monmouth. The Vice-Moderator appointed those Committees. The list is as follows:

Standing Committees.

I—BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers—Henry S. Butler, D.D., Alexander H. Young, D.D., Heber H. Beadle, Charles Herr, D.D.

Elders—T. D. Brokaw, Chas. G. Endicott, Henry M. Dalrymple.

II—JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers—William Thomson, Samuel McLanahan, Henry Reeves, Ph.D., I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D.

Elders—Albert C. Donaldson, Charles Rommel, Morris H. Stratton.

III—MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ministers—George Buckle, Asa Wynkoop.

Elder—William J. Owens.

IV—NARRATIVE FOR 1897.

Ministers—Thomas Tyack, D.D., Geo. W. Tomson.

Elder—John L. Connett.

V—FINANCE.

Elders—W. P. Stevenson, Charles K. Lippincott.
Ministers—Isaiah B. Hopwood, D.D., James B. Clark.

VI—RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Corisco—Rev. George B. Van Dyke, Rev. Charles P. Glover, Elder Frank O. Ware.

Elizabeth—Rev. Stanley White, Rev. Frank R. Symmes, Elder Edwin Ferris.

Jersey City—Rev. John Ewing, D.D., Rev. Wm. L. Cunningham, D.D., Elder Samuel Stewart.

Monmouth—Rev. Frederic R. Brace, Ph.D., Rev. John B. Kugler, Elder J. O. Burt.

Morris and Orange—Rev. Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., Rev. Wm. Hoppaugh, Elder J. F. Godley.

Newark—Rev. J. Garland Hamner, D.D., Rev. S. Nye Hutchison, Elder D. Wilson Moore.

New Brunswick—Rev. Israel W. Hathaway, D.D., Rev. George Swain, D.D., Elder J. Reeve Sayre.

Newton—Rev. Joseph H. Bradley, D.D., Rev. J. Thompson Osler, Elder W. J. Nevius.

West Jersey—Rev. Horace D. Sassaman, Rev. Henry R. Hall, Elder James S. Biddell.

Minutes. The Stated Clerk laid upon the Moderator's table the minutes of the Synod for 1895 approved by the General Assembly.

Sundry papers in the hands of the Stated Clerk were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Appeal. Papers in the case of an appeal from the Presbytery of Monmouth, sent up by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Monmouth, were referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

Treasurer. The report of the Treasurer was presented, and was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Treasurer of Trustees. The Treasurer of the Trustees of Synod made his report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Arrangements.

The Committee of Arrangements made a further report, which was accepted and adopted as follows:

1. That the Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D., be invited to address the Synod this evening on Foreign Missions, and a speaker to be chosen by the Synod, on Home Missions, for thirty minutes each.

2. That the last hour of Wednesday afternoon and the last hour of Thursday morning (from eleven to twelve) be devoted to hearing the Secretaries of the Boards and representatives of benevolent societies, for fifteen minutes each.

3. That the report of the Committee on Young People's Societies be the first order for Wednesday afternoon.

The Synod invited Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D., to make the address on Home Missions.

Sundry orders of business were adopted.

Systematic Beneficence.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented and its recommendations were adopted, as follows:

1. First of all, we would entreat our pastors, stated supplies and moderators of the Sessions of vacant churches to keep themselves informed as to the work and financial need of each of our Boards, and in no case let anything prevent any Board from receiving a church collection, but, on the other hand, prompted by a generous loyalty to the whole scheme of beneficent work undertaken by the church, use every proper effort and influence to secure from their congregations as large an offering as possible for the treasury of each Board.

2. We would persuade our ruling elders earnestly to study and understand our benevolent operations as conducted by the various Boards, and to rule in the churches over which God has made them overseers, for the promotion of Christ's kingdom through these instrumentalities, giving aid and encouragement to the minister in his efforts to induce the congregation to do its utmost in these days of trying need, and in vacant churches to feel that the burden of responsibility rests on their shoulders, and go forward in the work with a zeal born of knowledge and faith, guiding the people and being unto the flock ensamples of intelligent, systematic and warm-hearted liberality.

3. We would call the attention of all our members to the fact that, in the church at large, our benevolent work has been

specialized until our special gifts and legacies are more than double our regular church offerings ; that while these offerings are being thus minimized, the honor and influence of the church, the Lord's house, is in peril of being underestimated ; that while we recognize and rejoice in the excellent and blessed work done by our woman's societies, and all that is attempted by our young people's societies, we still feel that the regular obligation and form of the church's benevolent work should not be made to appear subordinate to the special agencies adopted as aids to the church. Hence, we very kindly counsel our members that the larger part of their benevolent gifts ought to be made through the Sabbath church offerings, and that every member, out of love and loyalty to his Father's house, should thus acknowledge the claims, and, according to his ability, contribute to the support of every Board.

4. We view with sorrow and deep concern the grievous debt which rests on several of our Boards, and especially that of Home Missions, whereby privation and sore hardship have overtaken many of our brethren, through the Board's inability to pay them their allowance now long overdue. While grateful to God that He has enabled us to increase our benevolent gifts $11,000, and our total contribution for church work more than $67,000 over last year, yet, because of the great need, and out of love for our Master and our brethren, we pledge each other to a faithful diligence, if so be we may, next year, make a record far in advance of the past.

5. We beg ministers and elders to review their methods in this form of the Lord's work, and, if need be, revise them. We commend to the consideration of Sessions and Presbyteries the plan of apportionment approved by the last Assembly (see Min. pp. 333–335), and as knowledge is largely the basis of success along benevolent lines, we urge ministers and Sessions to do their best to induce the people to subscribe for and read "The Church at Home and Abroad" and "The Assembly Herald," that they may know what the work is and how blessed the joy of participation therein.

Sabbath Observance.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance presented its report, which was accepted, and the further consideration thereof was postponed for the present.

Synodical Home Missions.

The report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions was presented and accepted.

Treasurer Synodical Home Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions was presented, and was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The recommendations of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions were adopted, as follows:

1. That the Moderator and Stated Clerk be asked to prepare and send to Elmer Ewing Green, Esq., a suitable letter of acknowledgment of his services as Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions.

2. That the Hon. William M. Lanning be elected to the position of Treasurer of the funds of Synodical Home Missions.

3. That the Treasurer's bond be fixed at $5,000, and that Synod pay the cost of suretyship.

4. That the Committee on Synodical Home Missions be authorized to publish a paper or periodical, provided that Synod be not held responsible for the expense.

5. That Synod acknowledges with thanks the contributions received from the Christian Endeavor and other young people's societies, and that they be urged to continue their contributions.

6. That Presbyteries be asked to contribute as in former years, so that there may be expected—

From the Presbytery of	Elizabeth, ...	$2,726 70
" "	Jersey City, ...	1,720 50
" "	Monmouth, ...	1,401 62
" "	Morris and Orange,	2,931 30
" "	Newark, ...	3,087 99
" "	New Brunswick, . .	2,438 64
" "	Newton, ...	1,160 20
" "	West Jersey, ...	1,549 24
		$17,016 19

7. That allottments be made as follows:

To the Presbytery of	Elizabeth, ...	$900 00
" "	Jersey City, ...	2,650 00
" "	Monmouth, ...	4,000 00
" "	Morris and Orange, . .	1,800 00
" "	Newark, ...	1,775 00
" "	New Brunswick, . . .	450 00
" "	Newton, ...	1,150 00
" "	West Jersey, ...	4,200 00
		$16,925 00

Appeal.

An appeal from the Presbytery of Monmouth in the hands of the Stated Clerk was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

Sundry papers in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures were referred to the appropriate Committees.

It was made the order of the day, for ten o'clock on Thursday morning, to hear a report from the Committee on Historical Materials.

The Permanent Committee on Work among Foreign Populations made its report, which was accepted. Foreign Populations.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read by Rev. Arthur W. Spooner, D.D., and accepted. Narrative.

The Committee on Judicial Business made a report as follows: Judicial Business.

The Committee on Judicial Business reports that there has been placed in its hands an appeal against the Presbytery of Monmouth, by William F. Le Roy, Daniel Mehegan, Adon Lippincott and George A. Smock, claiming to be members and elders in the First Presbyterian Church of Asbury Park. Appeal.

We find the appeal in order, and recommend that the case be submitted to a Judicial Commission consisting of thirteen persons to be appointed by the Vice-Moderator, as the Moderator is a member of the Presbytery appealed from.

The report was accepted and its recommendation was adopted.

The following were announced by the Vice-Moderator as members of the Commission:

MINISTERS—Samuel McLanahan, Henry Reeves, Ph.D., I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., Alexander N. Carson, D.D., Charles Herr, D.D., James Roberts, D.D., Wm. W. Halloway, Jr., D.D., Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D. Judicial Commission.

ELDERS—W. P. Coursen, B. O. Titus, Wm. H. Shotwell, Wm. J. Owens, Henry M. Dalrymple.

At the request of Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke, D.D., the prosecutor of this case before the Presbytery of Monmouth, Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D.D. and Rev. Thomas Tyack, D.D., were added in order to assist in the prosecution of the case on behalf of the Presbytery before the Judicial Commission.

The Synod engaged in devotional services, led by Rev. J. Garland Hamner, D.D., and immediately afterward took a recess until 2:30 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

The Synod re-assembled and proceeded to business.

Trustees.

The annual report of the Trustees of Synod was read by Rev. Allen H. Brown. It was accepted and approved.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to Counselor Elwood C. Harris, Esq., of Newark, for his repeated valuable and gratuitous legal services in connection with the business of the Trustees of Synod.

Young People's Societies.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies was presented by Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, and was accepted. Pending the adoption of the recommendations of the report, Synod was addressed by Rev. Albert B. Robinson, associate editor of *The Church at Home and Abroad*. The recommendations of the report were adopted and are as follows:

1. That our Societies be commended for their Thanksgiving offering for Synodical Home Missions, and be requested to make, if possible, a similar offering this year of at least $3.00.

2. That Synod express to our Societies its pleasure that they have become interested to a larger degree in Foreign Mission work, and its hope that they may be able this year to make larger contributions for the support of their assigned missionaries.

3. That Sessions be urged to confer more carefully with their Societies regarding their beneficence and contributions, and make sure that the needs and work of our own church have the first place in the attention of our young people.

4. That the Committee be enlarged by the addition of one member, and that to that end Standing Rule of Synod No. XI, Sec. 11, on Young People's Societies, be amended by inserting these words, "A Chairman appointed by Synod and."

5. That Synod express its sympathy for the Board of Home Missions in its present emergency, and commend to all our Sessions and Societies the appeal for twenty-five cents per member in behalf of the Board, which was issued by the Presbyterian Rally of Christian Endeavorers at the Washington Convention.

6. That 500 copies of these resolutions be printed by the Stated Clerk for the use o the Committee.

Counsel.

The Vice-Moderator announced the appointment of Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., as counsel for the appellants in the case of the appeal against the action of the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Foreign Missions.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D., and was accepted.

Pending the discussion of its recommendations, it was resolved to postpone the final vote upon the report until after the first order of the day to-morrow.

Addresses.

It was resolved to listen to an address from Rev. Hunter Corbett, D.D., for fifteen minutes this evening, following the addresses of the Secretaries of the Boards of Foreign and Home Missions.

Rev. Edward C. Ray, D.D., addressed Synod upon the interests of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

Rev. David J. Satterfield, D.D., addressed Synod upon the interests of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

Rev. W. W. Moffett, D.D , addressed Synod upon the interests of the American Bible Society.

Rev. John A. Liggett, D.D., addressed Synod upon the interests of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Judicial Commission.

The minutes of the Judicial Commission to try the appeal of certain elders of the First Church of Asbury Park against the Presbytery of Monmouth, were read to Synod, and it was directed to incorporate the same in the minutes of Synod. The following is the record:

The Judicial Commission appointed by the Synod of New Jersey, in the case of the appeal of certain persons against the Presbytery of Monmouth, met in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlantic City this Wednesday afternoon, October 28th, 1896, at 3 o'clock and was opened with prayer by Rev. Samuel McLanahan, who was chosen Moderator of the Commission. All the members of the Commission were present, as follows:

Ministers—Samuel McLanahan, Henry Reeves, Ph.D., I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., Alexander N. Carson, D.D., Charles Herr, D.D., James Roberts, D.D., William W. Halloway, Jr., D.D., Edwin A. Bulkley, D. D.

Elders—W. P. Coursen, B. O. Titus, Wm. H. Shotwell, Wm. J. Owens, Henry M. Dalrymple.

Rev. James Roberts, D.D., was elected Clerk of the Commission.

Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., having been appointed by the Synod, appeared as counsel for the appellants, viz., Wm. F. Le Roy, Daniel Mehegan, Geo. A. Smock and Adon Lippincott, the two last named being present. Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke, D.D., of the original committee of prosecutors in the case, together with Rev. E. B. Hodge, D.D., and Rev. Thomas Tyack, D.D., appointed by the Synod to assist, appeared for the appellee.

The Moderator reminded the Commission that we are now about to enter on judicial business.

The judgment of the Presbytery of Monmouth confirming the deposition of the appellants from the eldership of the First Presbyterian Church of Asbury Park and their excommunication was read. The notice of the appeal, the appeal and specifications of error were also read.

The appellee objected to entertaining the appeal of Wm. F. Le Roy, Daniel Mehegan and Geo. A. Smock, on the ground that they had renounced the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church by uniting with another church, and produced an action of the Presbytery of Monmouth certifying this fact.

The appellant was heard by counsel. The objection was sustained and the appeal of Messrs. Le Roy, Mehegan and Smock, for the above reason, was not entertained.

Adon Lippincott was, at his own request, granted permission to withdraw his appeal. The Commission was led in prayer by Rev. Dr. Bulkley.

Minutes were read and approved, after which the Commission adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Carson and the benediction by the Moderator.

SAMUEL MCLANAHAN,
Moderator.

JAMES ROBERTS,
Clerk.

Request, Presbytery of Monmouth.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following request from the Presbytery of Monmouth and recommended that it be granted. The recommendation was adopted :

WHEREAS, The Presbytery of Monmouth, upon consideration of the acts of the Committee with power, which it appointed December 16th, 1895, to visit the First Church of Asbury Park, N. J., and take such action, including discipline, if necessary, as the situation might require, is of the opinion that the sentence of excommunication pronounced in the case of Adon Lippincott was unduly severe ; and

Whereas, Under the provisions of our Book, a reversal of this sentence, and presumably of modification, can only be effected by the superior judicatory or judicatories ;

Resolved, That the Presbytery makes request of the Synod of New Jersey that it will modify the sentence imposed upon Adon Lippincott so that it shall be suspension from the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in place of excommunication.

A communication concerning the relation of the Presbyterian churches of New Jersey to the College of New Jersey in its early history, in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, was referred to the Committee on Historical Materials.

The Synod was led in prayer by Rev. John A. Liggett, D D., and immediately afterward took a recess until 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Addresses. The Synod re-assembled and engaged in devotional services, and listened to addresses upon Foreign Missions by Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D.D., and Rev. Hunter Corbett, D.D., and upon Home Missions by Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D.

The Synod adjourned with a hymn and the benediction, until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, October 29th, 9 A.M

The Synod met and, after prayer, resumed business.

The minutes of Wednesday's session were read and the record was approved.

Necrology.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was presented by Rev. Sylvester W. Beach and accepted.

Thanks.

The following letter, presented by the Committee appointed for the purpose, was adopted:

To Elmer Ewing Green, Esq., Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions:

DEAR BROTHER—We are instructed by the Synod of New Jersey officially to convey to you its high appreciation of your ten years of faithful, efficient and gratuitous service as the Treasurer of the Fund for Synodical Home Missions. The promptness and excellence of your work receive the highest commendation of the Synod, and we take great pleasure in conveying to you the Synod's acknowledgment of its indebtedness to you, and we assure you of its deep regret that you find it necessary to lay down the work you have so well done.

BENJAMIN S. EVERITT, *Moderator.*
WALTER A. BROOKS, *Stated Clerk.*

Foreign Missions.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, the final consideration of which was postponed from yesterday, was now taken up, and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. This Synod records its indorsement of the General Assembly's action as to the protection of American citizens engaged in missionary labors abroad. It also expresses hearty sympathy with both missionaries and adherents under stress of special bereavement or danger, or confronted with the disheartening alternative of retrenchment, and with the Board in its present perplexities.

2. Thankful that the past year's record shows an increase of gifts for Foreign Missions, but realizing that we are able to do much more, we will make it our aim not only to enlarge our contributions, but to procure an annual offering from each member of every congregation.

3. As heretofore, we approve the diligence of our Societies of women and young people, commending to the latter the Board's plan for supporting individual missionaries.

4. We urge all of our Sabbath-schools to remember the "Christmas Offering."

5. We commend to the attention of the churches the Board's new program for the Monthly Concert. We earnestly desire that this important service should be universally observed. We

consider one or more of the missionary magazines, as well as the "Assembly Herald," indispensable in every home.

6. We adopt the plan of the Synod's Committee for the itineration of the Rev. Hunter Corbett, D.D., among our churches, pledging him cordial welcome and prayerful support.

Publication and Sabbath-school Work.

The Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school Work presented its report and it was accepted. Pending the consideration of its recommendations the Synod was addressed by Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., Superintendent of Sabbath-school and Missionary Work of the Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Synod adopt the following action of the last General Assembly: "That in view of the vast portions of our country destitute of Christian churches or schools, and of the many Presbyteries appealing for Sabbath-school missionaries to labor in these needy fields, we earnestly call upon our churches, Sabbath-schools, Young People's Societies and individual members to give promptly, liberally and universally to this blessed work." And we recommend that this Synod do its share toward raising the $200,000 named by the last General Assembly for this Board.

2. That every Sabbath-school be recommended to observe Children's Day, making a generous offering to the Sabbath-school Missions, and also Rallying Day, combining an effort to gather the Sabbath school members scattered by the vacation with a systematic effort to bring into the schools the neglected youth of their neighborhoods, and to begin a persistent movement towards the improvement of the school.

3. That in order to further the interests of this department the Committee in the future be composed of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees on Sabbath-school Work.

4. Rejoicing in the high character and success of the Westminster Lesson Helps and the papers provided by this Board, the Synod affectionately requests all its schools to use them in preference to all others.

5. That the attention of Synod be called to the New Hymnal published by this Board and to the language of the General Assembly with reference to it, "the best obtainable manual of praise."

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Frederic R. Brace, Ph.D., was adopted:

American Bible Society.

Resolved, That in view of the needs of the American Bible Society in the carrying on of its great benevolent and missionary enterprises throughout this country, throughout the world, this Synod does most heartily recommend this great agency to the consideration of its ministers, and requests every church to take up an offering therefor.

Sabbath Observance.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was now taken up for consideration and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That we call on our ministers, elders and people to renew their diligence in defense of God's sacred day, so vitally important to religion and morality, and to show such loyalty as will make them foes to the Sunday secular paper, the Sunday bicycle "runs" and "meets," the excursion, and all other ways and means by which God's law in the case is dishonored and set aside.

2. That we rejoice in the prominence given to the cause of Sabbath Observance in the great conventions and other meetings of our Young People's Societies, and we assure them of our cordial sympathy and support in all plans and efforts to make the day what God wishes it to be among us.

3. That we call the attention of our ministers and elders to the recommendation of the General Assembly, setting apart the last Sabbath of October, or other day convenient, for the consideration of our obligations to remember the Sabbath day, requesting that it be a time for special instruction in the home as well as in the church and Sabbath school, in reference to its high and important claims.

4. That the Sabbath Associations of our land, such as the American Sabbath Union and Woman's National Alliance, may well receive our confidence and aid, therefore we recommend them to the cordial concern and care of all our churches.

The following overture from the Presbytery of Newton which had been referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read before Synod:

WHEREAS, In many of our municipalities, elections are held on Monday, thereby causing a great deal of Sabbath desecration by electioneering on the Lord's day; and

Whereas, The Constitution of the State requires all legislation concerning the internal affairs of the towns, boroughs and cities to be by general laws; therefore,

Resolved, That we overture the Synod to appoint a committee to secure such legislation as will enable the various municipal-

ities that now hold their municipal elections on Monday to hold them on Tuesday or such other day as will not interfere with a true observance of the Lord's day.

The following action was taken in reference thereto:

Committee to Legislature.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance recommend that the overture from the Presbytery of Newton be approved, and that a Committee of three ministers and two elders be appointed to carry out the design of the overture before the Legislature of our State, and that the following be the members of the Committee, viz.:

Ministers—J. De Hart Bruen, Frank B. Everitt, George S. Mott, D.D.

Elders—G. S. Shipman, William M. Lanning.

Historical Materials.

The report of the Committee on Historical Materials was read by Rev. Allen H. Brown. It was accepted, and the Committee was continued under the resolution of the Synod of 1895.

The report of the Custodians of Historical Material was presented by the Stated Clerk, and was accepted.

Trustee elected.

Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., offered his resignation as Trustee of Synod. The resignation was accepted with thanks to Dr. Aikman for his long and faithful services in this position, and Rev. Eben B. Cobb, D.D., was elected by ballot to fill the vacancy.

Armenian Massacres.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following overture from the Presbytery of Newton in reference to Armenian massacres:

In view of the widespread trials, sufferings, destruction, if not total extinction of Christian congregations upon missionary fields in Moslem lands, unprecedented in this nineteenth century for horrors of bloodthirsty and inhuman acts, as well as the uncivilized and murderous conduct of the war in Cuba; therefore,

Resolved, That Presbytery expresses its fraternal and profound sympathy with the Armenian people and with all suffering missionaries on these and other fields; and we utter our very strongest appeal to the Government of the United States to use all the weight of its moral influence against wars conducted in spirit of inhuman and uncivilized warfare; and that the Pres-

bytery of Newton overture the Synod of New Jersey to give some expression upon these problems facing the Christian civilization of both Turkey and Cuba.

The following action was recommended, and it was adopted :

WHEREAS, The Christian nations and people of the world have been shocked and horrified beyond adequate expression by the reported massacres of the Armenian Christians until over fifty thousand have been murdered and thousands of Armenian women have been subjected to brutalities worse than death, and tens of thousands of women and children rendered homeless and destitute by their bloodthirsty and inhuman persecutors ; therefore be it resolved,

1. That the Synod of New Jersey does hereby express its most profound sympathy with the Armenian Christians and people and also with all Christian missionaries on those fields.

2. That the Synod of New Jersey urges upon President Cleveland and those associated with him in authority that they shall use the great moral diplomatic power lodged in their hands by the American people unto the extreme constitutional limit to restrain the hand of the murderers and persecutors of the Armenian people, to the end that this bloody work shall cease and that American missionaries and American citizens and property may have the full protection accorded under treaty rights and international law.

3. That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the proper authorities at Washington, D. C.

Temperance.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance was presented and was accepted. The following recommendations were adopted :

1. That the Synod would remind the officers and members of all our churches that there should be the broadest charity toward one another among those who differ as to the remedies for the giant evil of intemperance.

2. That we recommend all Christian voters, laying aside party prejudice, to support the men who are most favorable to the cause of morality and temperance.

3. That we call special attention to the election of sheriffs. The office, being entirely unrelated to legislation, should be kept free from party politics, and men should be placed in the office who can be trusted to be faithful in the execution of law.

4. That in our opinion the laws of the State should be so amended as to provide a progressive penalty for drunkenness, a penalty increasing with each repetition of the offense.

5. That the association, under the license system, of the bar-room saloon business with the inn for the accommodation of the traveling public is an infringement of the rights of those who disapprove of the liquor business.

6. That we approve the principle of the local veto, and hold that every town and county should be granted the right to exclude, by the vote of the majority of the citizens, the liquor business.

7. That we call attention to the action of the General Assembly in recommending the observance of the third Sabbath in November as a temperance Sabbath, and in recommending the organization of Presbyterian Woman's Temperance Associations in our churches and Presbyteries, and the appointment of Committees of Session on Temperance.

8. That the Committee on Temperance be instructed to bring so much of the above resolutions as call for legislation to the attention of the next Legislature, through the Anti-Liquor League or in such other way as may seem expedient.

9. That we express our sympathy with the various Christian Women's Temperance organizations in our State, as they seek by all careful and scriptural means to battle against the evil of intemperance, and regard them as most helpful allies in this great work.

The resignation of Rev. William E. Honeyman as Chairman of the Committee was accepted with regret. Rev. J. De Hart Bruen was appointed Chairman, and the filling of vacancies in the Committee was postponed until the next meeting of Synod.

Address

Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D.D., addressed the Synod upon the interests of the Board of Education.

Minutes of Assembly.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was read by Rev. George Buckle, and was accepted.

Presbyterial Records.

The records of the Presbyteries of Corisco, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Monmouth, Morris and Orange, Newark, New Brunswick, Newton and West Jersey were approved.

Finance.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Elder William P. Stevenson, and was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows:

The Finance Committee beg leave to report as follows:

The accounts of three Treasurers came before us for examination, and, after a careful comparison of the vouchers submitted with the items of the various accounts, they were in each case found correct.

The account of Elmer E. Green, Esq., Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions, shows a balance on hand at the close of the fiscal year of $4,288.60, deposited in the Trenton Banking Company, of Trenton, N. J.

The account of Rev. Eben B. Cobb, D.D., Treasurer of the Synod, shows a balance of $591.01, deposited in the First National Bank of Elizabeth, N. J.

The account of Rev. Allen H. Brown, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Synod, has a balance of $27.93 on deposit in the Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Company, of Camden, N. J.

The accounts in each case are correctly stated, plainly written and neatly kept, and the balances as stated above agree with those shown in the bank pass-books of the different Treasurers.

The Committee recommend that the apportionment for Synodical expenses among the different Presbyteries be four hundred and thirty dollars ($130), as follows:

Elizabeth,	$60 00
Jersey City,	50 00
Monmouth,	45 00
Morris and Orange,	60 00
Newark,	60 00
New Brunswick,	60 00
Newton,	45 00
West Jersey,	50 00
	$130 00

The Committee also recommend that the various institutions where the bank accounts of the different Treasurers are now kept be authorized by Synod as the depositories for the moneys belonging to the several accounts, until otherwise directed.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

W. P. STEVENSON,
Chairman.

Unemployed Ministers.

The Committee on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches made its report, which was accepted.

The Statistical Reports were ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Synodical Home Missions presented the following report, which was adopted:

Woman's Home Missions.

Your Committee on Synodical Home Missions have examined the report of the Woman's Committee on Home Missions in New Jersey and the minutes of their meeting in Paterson, New Jersey.

We find the evidence of untiring zeal and practical progress in the year's work. New Societies and Bands have been formed—and the falling off of $269 from last year is far less than might be expected in times of general financial depression.

We recommend that Synod commend the work of the women of New Jersey in Home Missions, rejoice in their progress and do urge them to a larger usefulness in the future.

The Stated Clerk was directed to print for the use of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies seventy-five copies each of the reports of these Societies.

Next Place of Meeting.

The Moderator and Stated Clerk were appointed a Committee to choose a place for next meeting of Synod, a preference being expressed for Asbury Park.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the usual bills and salaries.

Historical Materials.

The Committee on Historical Materials was instructed to give further consideration to the letter received in reference to certain historical matters and to report at the next meeting of Synod.

Secular Education.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported recommending the reference of an instruction from the General Assembly concerning students in secular educational institutions to a Committee, to make inquiry and report to the General Assembly. The recommendation was adopted and the Stated Clerk, Rev. Charles Herr, D.D., and Elder Ira Otterson were appointed as the Committee.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are hereby tendered to the Committee of Arrangements, of which the Rev. Allen H.

Brown is Chairman, for the very admirable provision made under their direction for our entertainment; to the Session and trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlantic City for the use of their buildings; to the messenger boys who have been in constant and faithful attendance; to the newspaper press of the city for the interest displayed in our meetings and the space devoted to reports of our proceedings; to the "Public Ledger" for its excellent reports, and for free copies distributed, and to other newspapers for similar services, and also to the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work for the Hymnals used in our devotional services, as well as for stationery and other courtesies shown.

Synod engaged in devotional services for half an hour, led by Rev. Thomas Tyack, D.D.

Attendance.

The Permanent Clerk reported that 120 ministers and 75 elders and 15 corresponding members had been in attendance, and that the following members, having given satisfactory reasons, had been excused for absence:

FROM THE PRESENT MEETING.

Elizabeth—Ministers Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., Ezra F. Mundy, John C. Rankin, D.D.

Jersey City—Minister J. C. Egbert, D.D., Elders Albert G. Donaldson, H. P. Campbell.

Monmouth—Ministers John H. Pratt, D D., Geo. W. Cottrell.

Newark—Ministers Geo. S. Mott, D.D., S. Edward Young, Julius H. Wolff, David R. Frazer, D.D., Edwin Fairley.

New Brunswick—Ministers Abraham Gosman, D D, Amzi L. Armstrong, Horace G. Hinsdale, D D, Lewis W. Mudge, D.D., Daniel R. Foster, Henry C. Cameron, D.D, O Howell Hazard, William H. Filson.

Newton—Minister E. Clarke Cline.

West Jersey—Minister Wm. D. Roberts.

AFTER TUESDAY EVENING.

Jersey City—Minister Philo F. Leavens, D.D.

AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Newark—Elder Edwin Ferris.

AFTER WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Monmouth—Minister Henry R. Hall, Elders James D. Holman, William L. Terhune.

Morris and Orange—Minister Albert Erdman, D.D.

Newton—Elder Samuel Stewart.

West Jersey—Ministers William V. Louderbough, John E. Peters, Sc.D., Albert Reid, Daniel I. Camp, Elders D. Wilson Moore, John H. Yeeum, Alfred Blizzard.

AFTER WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Elizabeth—Ministers Edward Kempshall, D.D., J. Garland Hamner, D.D.

Jersey City—Ministers J. S. Young, Geo. R. Garretson, Elders A. C. Donaldson, James S. Biddell.

Monmouth—Ministers Chas. H. McClellan, D.D., Frank R. Symmes, J. E. Grant, Wm. L. Cunningham, D.D.

Morris and Orange—Charles Townsend, Stanley White, W. W. Halloway, Jr., D.D.

Newark—Elder R. S. Grummon.

New Brunswick—Ministers J. T. Duffield, D.D., S. H. Potter, J. B. Clark, Elders E. B. Holcombe, J. F. Godley, J. L. Connett.

Newton—Ministers William Thomson, J. C. Chapman, S. Nye Hutchison, Elders J. S. Stone, Wm. P. Coursen.

West Jersey—Elders J. O. Burt, Morris H. Stratton, C. B. Moore.

AFTER 10 A M. THURSDAY.

Elizabeth—Ministers Harle W. Hathaway, John A. Liggett, D.D.

Jersey City—Ministers Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., Israel W. Hathaway, D.D.

Monmouth—Ministers Nathan Dushane Hynson, J. E Curry, Frank Lukens, Elders John G. Stults, Howard Russ, Thos. S. Collings.

Newark—Ministers George A. Bonsall, A. Nelson Hollifield, D D., J. Garland Hamner, Jr.

West Jersey—Minister John Ewing, D.D.

The roll was called and the following members were found absent without excuse:

Elizabeth—Minister Wm. Hoppaugh, Elders J. E. Marsh, Elias D. Smith.

Jersey City—Minister Charles Herr, D.D., Elder H. R. Jackson.

Monmouth—Minister James J. Campbell, Elder F. S. Stines.

Morris and Orange—Minister John Macnaughton, D.D., Elders Henry M. Dalrymple, Chas. H. Jones, William J. Nevius.

Newark—Ministers I. B. Hopwood, D.D., Ford C. Ottman.
New Brunswick—Minister James W. Rogan, D.D., Elder John B. Van Doren.
Newton—Minister William Hollinshed, Elder D. C. McConachy.
West Jersey—Ministers Geo. W. Tomson, Herbert R. Rundall, James C. Russell, I. Mench Chambers, Thomas Fragale, Elders R. B. Stevenson, B. O. Titus, David Dare.

Minutes. The minutes of to-day's session were read and the record was approved.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday of October, 1897, at the place selected by the Committee appointed for the purpose.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction.

JOHN T. KERR,
Recording Clerk.

WALTER A. BROOKS,
Stated Clerk.

The preceding pages contain the complete and accurate record of the proceedings of the Synod of New Jersey, at Atlantic City, October 29th to Oct. 29th 1896.

Attest: Walter A. Brooks,
Stated Clerk.

Examined and approved in
General Assembly at Winona
Eagle Lake, Ind. May 28th 1897

Sheldon Jackson
Moderator

APPENDIX.

I.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 15TH, 1896.

HISTORY OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

The reunion of the Church having taken place in 187-, and the first statistics having appeared in 1871, this would be the quarter-century anniversary of the Synod, from a statistical point of view.

The statistics may be appropriately considered under two general heads: first the personal, and second, the financial.

1. The Personal.

Under the first head it is to be observed that the number of Presbyteries has remained stationary at 9, while, at the same time, the number of ministers has increased from 310 to 438, a gain of 128.

At the same time, the licentiates have decreased from 39 to 38. The highest number attained in any one year was 41, and the lowest 16. The number of local evangelists has increased from 1 in 1894, to 4 in 1896.

The candidates for the ministry have increased from 69 to 109, a clear gain of 40. The highest number for any one year was 111, and the lowest 51. The number of churches has increased from 237 to 330, or a net gain of 93.

There has been a continuous increase in the number of churches, save in the year 1885, when one less was reported than in the previous year.

The number of elders has also steadily increased, from the time they were first reported in 1881, from 1,184 to 1,493, or a gain of 309; while the deacons, in the same period, have increased from 340 to 506, or a gain of 166.

The number added to the church on examination, which may be regarded as a clear gain from the world, has swelled from 1 817 to 3,503, a gain of 1,686.

The grand total gathered into the church from the world during the quarter of a century now ended has been 73,728. Those added on certificate have been increased from 1,669 to 2,392, a gain of 723.

The highest number was 2,503, in 1894, and the lowest 1,278 in 1879. The whole number has increased from 37,912 to 67,c75, considerably over one-third.

The adult baptisms have increased from 612 to 1,240, a gain of 628, or a little over one half. The highest number baptized in one year was 1,653, in 1876, and the lowest 435, in 1881. The infant baptisms have increased from 1,294 to 2,123, or a gain of 829. The highest number was 2,133, in 1894, and the lowest 1,243, in 1872.

The Sunday school army has swelled its ranks from 38,804 to 72,769, a net gain of 33,965, or nearly one-half.

2. Financial Exhibit.

The financial exhibit may be divided into (1) moneys contributed for the support of the church within the bounds of the individual congregations, and (2) moneys contributed to objects outside the bounds of individual congregations. The amount of money contributed by our churches during the past twenty-five years for all objects has reached the enormous sum of $26,776,630.

Of this amount, $21,294,495 has been contributed for congregational purposes, and the balance, $5,482.135, to beneficent objects outside her own immediate boundaries. Discarding fractions, and basing our calculation on the figures given above, the *per capita* contributions of our members have averaged from $19 to $31 per annum The highest was $31, in 1872, and the lowest $19, for '78, '79, '80, '83 and '84.

In like manner, the *per capita* contributions for purposes inside the congregation have ranged from $15 to $27 ; while the contributions for outside purposes have varied from $3 to $6.

The amount contributed for the support of the General Assembly has been $119,446, and the contributions for purely benevolent objects have increased from $117,831 to $305,909, nearly three times, or about 200 per cent.

The amount contributed towards the support of the home church increased from $825,984 to $985,924, or $159,940 ; less than 20 per cent.

The average amount laid to each minister's hand as a working capital at home, has fallen from $2,665 to $2,251. The highest average was $2,939 in 1872, and the lowest $1,775 in 1880.

THE STORY OF THE YEAR.

In one respect the present narrative excels that of a year ago, in that we have gathered reports from all the Presbyteries within our bounds, even including far away Corisco, in the "dark continent."

This Presbytery includes ten churches, some of them sustained with the greatest difficulty, and all of them facing obstacles which make our little obstructions appear insignificant.

The church of which Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, D D., the Stated Clerk, is pastor. is the oldest of the ten churches constituting the Presbytery, and has within its membership young persons who are grandchildren of the first converts of fifty years ago. "These persons," he says, "with education, dress, manners, and tastes of an advanced civilization, sit side by side with children of their fathers' slaves (now free under French law) and with half-clad representatives of interior tribes just recently from the forests, who are pure heathen in their belief in witchcraft and in their ignorance of the Son of God."

There are seventy actual members in this church, of whom 52 are females and 18 are males. One fourth of the entire number are of slave origin, and less than one-half are able to read.

The chief difficulties seem, however, to arise from Roman Catholic activity and shrewd, crafty opposition to the work of Protestants. Certain pecuniary advantages are held out as inducements to the children to attend the Catholic Sunday-school, and with this our missionaries cannot compete. Many have been in this way enticed away from the mission schools and others prevented from coming.

The same obstacles which are met in this particular congregation confront the other churches in the Presbytery and make it an occasion for earnest prayer on the part of God's people that both missionaries and helpers may be endued with special grace and with power from on high. The gospel, however, is steadily gaining ground—*heathen* thinking is giving way to *right* thinking—standards are being erected for God, and the people are slowly but surely advancing towards them The "Dark Continent" is being illumined with the "True Light"

Crossing the ocean and coming to our own shores, let us look at some of the encouraging events of the year.

In the Presbytery of Elizabeth the year has been marked by the completion of a new edifice by the old Marshall Street congregation of the city of Elizabeth. It was dedicated in December last, and, as it stands in a new location, it was deemed wise to drop the old name and by vote of the congregation, it will hereafter be known as "The Greystone Presbyterian Church." It is located on the main avenue in the lower part of the city, and is a handsome stone structure, embracing audience room to seat 500, Sunday-school room to accommodate 600, and entertainment-rooms fully furnished and well adapted for the usual work of a church.

Monmouth joins heartily in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," in view of the fact that 336 have united with her churches on confession of their faith; that the beneficent contributions have not fallen behind; and that the women's societies, Sabbath-schools and young people's societies are so vigorous and rendering such faithful and efficient service to the church and her divine Head.

Newark finds encouragement in the fact that 611 have confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and united with the churches. Also, in the progress which is being made among the heterogeneous classes of the population, especially among the Germans and the Italians. There are four German, one African and one Italian church, with a combined membership of 1,000. During the year one new German church has been organized, and "hall missions" for Italian work have been opened.

New Brunswick finds encouragement in the fact that the Kirkpatrick Memorial Church, of Ringoes, has cancelled a debt of $1,600.

Hopewell church, for many years dependent upon the Synod for assistance, has become self-supporting.

The Bound Brook church was burned last winter, and this calamity was a blessing, because the church will soon erect a house of worship more commodious and in a much better location.

Fifteen churches in this Presbytery report large ingatherings, with corresponding increase in enthusiasm and working power.

Newton reports that in eighteen of her churches special revival efforts were put forth, with marked results in nine of them. The immediate fruitage of these efforts appeared in the addition of 232 souls to the churches of the Presbytery, 32 more than a year ago.

West Jersey reports a year of great activity, and, in some respects, of unparalleled prosperity.

There have been three new churches organized, viz., Olivet, at Atlantic City, Audubon, and Holly Beach. Within four and a half years there have been eight churches organized, with two more to be enrolled in a few days. Of these eight, three require no aid from Synod's funds. These are Calvary, of Camden; Olivet, of Atlantic City, and Audubon. It should be stated that the church of Haddonfield has taken the new church of Audubon under her wing and supplies all needed assistance.

Twelve churches have enjoyed marked revivals during the year, with an addition to their membership exceeding that of any previous year in their history, and leading all the Presbyteries in the Synod. The number added was 616. It is a source of satisfaction also to know that West Jersey has increased her gifts during the year to the amount of $22,273. Of this increase $1,000 has been credited to beneficence and the balance to the needs of the respective congregations.

There are certain elements which appear as constant quantities in the reports of all the Presbyteries, viz., the steady growth both in numbers and effectiveness of the young people's societies—notably, Christian Endeavor – the great interest manifested in the work of the Sunday-school, and the unfailing fidelity of the women's organizations.

Some of the statements made by the Presbyterial narratives furnish

food for reflection; in fact, they appear to the chairman of your committee startling.

The teaching of the Shorter Catechism in our Sunday-schools is so far from being a universal custom that it may be questioned whether this practice is followed in more than one-third of them. In fact, the school or church in which the catechism is faithfully taught seems to be exceedingly rare.

Another thing which seems ominous is the almost universally acknowledged fact that the children of the church do not attend the preaching services.

There are of course, individual exceptions. Some of the churches report a satisfactory attendance of the little people, while others bewail their absence; but from every Presbytery comes this lamentation: "The children do not frequent to any considerable extent the courts of the Lord."

Monmouth Presbytery seems from the character of its report to lead in the matter of children's attendance at church. Let Monmouth tell us how the children are induced to visit the house of God and listen to the preaching of His word.

ESSENTIAL TRUTHS ILLUSTRATED BY THE STORY OF THE YEAR.

1. The faith of God's people is a constant quantity, and may be relied upon to respond to the appeals of suffering, unsaved humanity, even in hard times. The fact that the receipts of the treasuries of the church have diminished so little during these months of financial depression demonstrates beyond all question the purpose of God's people to heed the command, "Go forward."

2. The attention which is being paid to the young people in all our congregations is introducing into the working force of the church an element of power which can scarcely be estimated.

3. The churches which have reaped the most bountifully for God, and added the most largely to His church, have been those which have put forth what is called "special effort." Those Presbyteries which report large accessions, speak also of the "special efforts" put forth to realize them.

There is no feature of these presbyterial messages so significant as this. It is with a spirit of manifest exultation that committees tell of the gracious ingatherings; and where there are none to report, the narrative attempts to explain and excuse the churches for this spiritual dearth.

God grant that the coming year may witness a Pentecost in every Presbytery and in every church.

II.—NECROLOGICAL REPORT.

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

REV. EMILE V. HOELSCHE.

Rev. Emile V Hoelsche was born September 26th, 1855, at Waterloo, Canada. His father was Rev Jacob Hoelsche, a Lutheran minister Having graduated at a college in Canada, he was licensed by the Eastern Ohio Lutheran Synod, and ordained by the New York and New Jersey Synod.

After serving as assistant in Trinity Lutheran Church, Canton, Ohio and also in a church in New York City, he accepted a call, and was installed as pastor in 1891, of a church at Glen Gardner, N. J., where he labored successfully for three years. October 15th, 1891, he was married to Miss Cora Francis Sayre, of New Germantown, N. J. Compelled by lung trouble to give up his charge, but hoping still to continue his ministry in a southern church, he applied for admission to the Presbytery of Elizabeth by whom he was received April, 1894. Seeking work in a Home Mission field in Florida, he spent the winter of 1894-5 in St Augustine, but his disease had taken too firm a hold, and he died October 12th, 1895, at Atlanta, Georgia.

REV. SAMUEL KELLOGG.

Rev. Samuel Kellogg was born in New Canaan, Connecticut, June 10th, 1810. He was the child of godly parents, deeply devoted to the Presbyterian church. He was brought up on the Bible and Shorter Catechism, and it is said that he could recite the whole of the latter when four years old. He received the best education his parents could afford him graduating from the University of New York in 1835, and Princeton Theological Seminary in 1838. His first pastoral charge was in Quogue, L. I., which continued about three years. He was next settled at Dobb's Ferry, N. Y., where he remained for eleven years. His third pastorate was at Hempstead, Rockland County, N. Y., lasting twelve years and a half. At the age of fifty-five he retired from active work, but always maintained interest and participation in Christian work, wherever opportunity offered and his strength permitted. He was a quiet, unassuming, Christian gentleman, respected and beloved by all who knew him. His nature was kindly and benevolent, and he possessed high qualities of mind and heart. He died at the residence of his son, Mt. Pleasant, near Plainfield, N. J., January 14th, 1896.

He was married, August 2d, 1838, to Miss Mary P. Henry, who died July 14th, 1861. He was married a second time to Miss Eliza S. Henry, May 6th, 1863. She survives him, with three children, one of whom is the Rev. S. H. Kellogg, D.D., of Dehra Doon, India.

Presbytery of Jersey City.

REV. RICHARD BENTLEY.

This devoted servant of God fell asleep in Jesus at Tenafly, N. J., July 6th, 1896. For two months he had been a great sufferer, in which he had been wonderfully sustained. Born in London, England, September 24th, 1820, and completing his studies at Trinity College, Dublin, his first charge was in Ireland. In 1852 he came to America for his health, where he remained five years as a faithful pastor, returning to England in 1857. Soon after he was called to the historical Tabernacle of Oursley, Gloucestershire, England. Here he remained a number of years, and his influence was felt far and wide. His beautiful character and broad mind made him an active element for good in all that section of country. His next charge was the Whitefield Memorial Church, Kindwood Hill, near Bristol.

During the civil war in America, Mr. Bentley lectured in several places in England on the great conflict. He aroused enthusiasm in behalf of the Union wherever he spoke, and the Consul at Bristol presented him with the formal and official thanks of the United States.

At the close of the war Mr. Bentley returned to this country, and soon after was called to the Presbyterian Church of Montgomery, Orange county, N. Y. His work is still cherished by many there. He was next called to the Union Church, Galt, Ontario, Canada, where he preached for eight years to large congregations of Scotch people, and was greatly beloved. In 1882 he accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church, Tenafly, N. J., where he remained as pastor until 1887, when failing health compelled him to resign.

He celebrated his golden wedding in 1894. He was still in active service when his summons to rest came. His last sermon was preached in Highwood, N. J., on the last Sunday of 1895. He was in active service in the ministry fifty-two years.

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

REV. AARON F. HUTCHINSON.

Mr. Hutchinson was the son of Robert Hutchinson and Rebecca Forman, and was born near Hamilton Square, N. J., November 23d, 1816.

He received a good English education at a school near his home; and in his early manhood engaged in teaching. He then studied dentistry, and practiced it successfully. His special interest in personal religion began while he was a teacher, and he united with the Sharon M. E. Church, near his school. Entering heartily into the work of the church, his peculiar gifts were soon recognized, and he was set apart as a local preacher by the M. E. Church.

In 1851 he removed with his family to Lambertville, N. J., where he practiced dentistry, with financial success. While there, his own investigations, together with his early Presbyterian training, led him to leave the M. E. church and unite with the Presbyterian.

Wishing still to preach the gospel, he determined to apply to the Presbytery for licensure. Confiding his wishes to his pastor, the Rev. P. O. Studdiford, D.D., he was encouraged to enter upon the course of study prescribed by our Book. His pastor offered to be his instructor and successfully carried him through the course of study usually taught in college and theological seminary.

On May 3d, 1859, he passed, with great credit to himself, the required examinations, and was licensed by the Presbytery of Raritan.

For five years, under the direction of his pastor, he preached at points in the vicinity of Lambertville. Becoming more and more interested in the work, he offered himself to the Board of Home Missions. Accepted by them he was ordained as an evangelist by the Presbytery of Raritan, May 28th, 1864, and removed to Jerseyville, Illinois. As a missionary he labored there for several years, but receiving a call from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of Petersburgh, Indiana, he accepted it and served that church for seven years. He afterwards accepted a call to a Presbyterian church not far distant from this charge but owing to the condition of his health, he was not installed as pastor. By advice of his physician he soon returned to his native State, and in 1876 settled at Englishtown, N. J. After residing there for two years, he removed to Trenton, where he continued to reside for the remainder of his life. He was received into the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and as soon as his health permitted he entered upon special mission work in Trenton. When the Mercer County Bible Society desired some one to see that every family possessed a Bible he did the work faithfully and well. Soon after the church of Morrisville, Pa. opposite Trenton, became vacant and he was invited to supply the pulpit which he did for two years. Then his health began to fail again and he was no longer able to preach. It was a great trial to him that he was laid aside from active work but with patience and resignation he submitted to God's allotment and quietly awaited the summons that should call him to his heavenly home. He was united in marriage in March, 1837, to Elizabeth

Davison, of Monmouth county. Two children were born to them—a son, who still survives, and a daughter, who passed away a few years since. Mr. Hutchinson was an instructive preacher, and thoroughly consecrated to his work. He was respected by all who knew him.

Death came to him after many months of sickness and bodily distress. His mind remained clear to the last, his faith unshaken, while his hope of heaven grew brighter and brighter. He quietly breathed his last on June 30th, 1896. His wife with whom he had lived for nearly sixty years, survived him but two weeks, departing this life on July 14th, 1896.

Presbytery of West Jersey.

REV. WILLIAM HENRY BELDEN.

Mr. Belden was born in Newark, N. J., August 3d, 1841. His father was then pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church. Soon after, the family removed to New York City, and his father became principal of a ward school, in which position he remained until his death in 1874. The son united with Dr. Hatfield's church during the revival of 1857-8. Some years later he became a member of Dr. William Adams' church. The influence of the latter upon young William did much in moulding his character and determining his life's work. He lived in New York City until he entered Yale, where he graduated in 1863. After taking his degree at Yale he returned to New York City and pursued his Theological course in Union Seminary, graduating in 1869. Meanwhile he gave much attention to journalism, reporting at different times for all the New York dailies. He was in the "Tribune" office, edited the "Daily Witness" for a short time, wrote editorials for the "Rochester Democrat and Chronicle," and was editor of the "Waterbury American." He was also connected with the "New York Evangelist" office for a time, and edited for several years, in connection with Mr Dey, the "Assembly Journal." He thoroughly enjoyed journalism and had marked ability in that line. But his father's wishes and his own convictions finally led him into the active work of the ministry. He was ordained and installed at Branchville, New Jersey, by the Presbytery of Newton, in 1872. Here he remained until October, 1877. He then became pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Scranton, Pa., where he continued to labor until 1879, when he accepted an appointment from the American Board. He sailed for Constantinople, September 6th, 1879, and took charge of a Bulgarian paper "The Zooneetza." He returned to this country in November, 1881. He became pastor of the West Presbyterian Church Bridgeton, N. J., in the fall of 1883, and remained there

until the spring of 1890, when he accepted a call to a Congregational church at Bristol, Conn. After nine months of successful work there, his health completely failed, and a stroke of apoplexy brought him to death's door. He shortly removed to Clifton Springs, New York, where his health was somewhat benefited by the advantages of the sanitarium. The years spent there as an invalid he declared to be the happiest of his life. On the 31st of July, 1896, while engaged in family worship, he was seized with an attack similar to the one that had laid him low in 1890. He was helped to his bed, but had only time to express his sorrow to leave his wife and children, utter the brief prayer, "Lord, let it be short," and say, "I am ready to go."

Mr. Belden was a man of remarkable character. His devotion to Missions burned like a fire in his bones. It was through his influence, mainly that the Synod of New Jersey adopted and carried out the idea of simultaneous meetings for Missions in 1887, and again two years later. Of this movement he was the chairman, and upon him fell the burden of work. By dint of persistent endeavor, such as few men can endure, every available missionary was enlisted and every possible means employed to arouse the churches to their responsibility. In 1886 he became a member of the International Missionary Union, and for many years served as its secretary.

Mr. Belden's life has left its impress upon the world. He was a living witness of what Jesus can do in and through a consecrated man.

He was married, in 1879, to Miss Ellen H. Scranton, who, with four children, survives him.

III.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

The Synod has completed ten years of missionary work within its own bounds, under the plan adopted in October, 1886. It is fitting that our hearty thanksgiving should be offered to our Divine Master, because He gave us this work to do, and because His blessing has been upon us and our work. Much has been done; more could have been done; much remains to be done.

The past year has brought to the treasury the sum of $15,157.40. Though less than last year, yet the record is a good one, and has no discouraging feature about it. We gladly give praise to the Presbyteries of Newton and West Jersey, they having fully responded to the call of Synod. Elizabeth has also fully made up her quota, though the final payments were not made until after the close of the fiscal year, and so cannot be credited to last year's account. The details of receipts and payments are fully set forth in the report of the Treasurer.

In reviewing the work of Synodical Home Missions in New Jersey it is proper to inquire, Has the result equalled the anticipation? The answer is a most hearty and grateful "Yes." It was feared by some, when the plan was first adopted that it would seriously injure the Home Board and that the interest of our people in that most important part of church work would grow less and their contributions to it would decrease. The record shows that there has been a steady gain in the gifts of our churches to the Home Board. At the beginning of our work, Synod sent about $37,000 to the Board and drew out over $9,000, leaving a net income to the Board from New Jersey of about $28,000. Now the receipts are over $17,000, being a clear gain to the Home Board of fully $19,000 per annum.

The plan devolved upon the Presbyteries the responsibility of administering the funds. That the Presbyteries have discharged their duty faithfully is within the knowledge of every member of Synod. The Presbyteries have given much time and thought to this important work, and there has yet to come to Synod's committee the first statement criticising the fairness, or even the wisdom of the Presbyteries. This feature of Presbyterial responsibility is, in the judgment of your committee one of the strong reasons for the success of the scheme. As the Presbytery has only a small, though definite, sum allotted to it, its duty is that of distributing it according to the needs of its own fields and the importance of the work in each. No field is overlooked, and none is overestimated.

The extent, as well as the importance of the missionary work of the Synod has become increasingly clear during the past ten years. With the growth of the cities comes the increasing need for mission work. Some of these cities do it partly or wholly from their own resources. Probably in no city in the State is this work more carefully looked after or more vigorously pushed than in Newark. But the increasing population swells faster than the financial resources of the local churches can overtake the work. Especially is this the case in Jersey City and Camden. The Synod has only to a limited extent entered upon this work. For many years to come this will be a loud call to duty. There ought to be a new departure along this very line, and by economy of resources massing of energy and wise planning far more ought to be done for the many thousands in our large cities than we have ever attempted.

Then the work among the foreign populations has presented its claim and revealed its possibilities. In Newark and in Hammonton splendid and encouraging work has been done among the Italians. In each place we have a fully organized church but almost every large city in the State has a considerable number of Italians and nothing is being done for them by our Synod There is an interesting work among the Hungarians and the Slavs in Passaic. The Presbyteries of Newark, Monmouth, Jersey City, West Jersey Morris and Orange, and Elizabeth have long been at work among the Germans, and with satisfactory results. Yet when the most and best has been said the truth remains that only a small fraction of our responsibility has been met in this matter. Many of these foreigners have no gospel or worse, and ours is the plain and pressing duty of providing for their spiritual needs. Let us attempt much larger things during the next ten years.

It has so happened that the funds of Synod have been almost equally divided between South Jersey and the rest of the State. It was no part of a plan thus to divide it nor any expression of opinion that this was the best division of the money. The southern part of the State has two-thirds of the territory and one third of the population. The northern part of the State has both the financial and numerical strength of the Synod. There may be differences of opinion as to which part of our work is the most important and which ought, therefore, to be pressed with the most vigor, but there can scarcely be two opinions as to the very satisfactory progress made by our church in South Jersey. In 1886 we had in New Jersey 282 churches and 49,628 members. Now we have 320 churches and 65,425 members. Thus we have made a net gain of 38 churches and 15,797 members. The net gain in the Presbyteries of Monmouth and West Jersey is 11 churches and 2,923 members, which is a larger percentage of gain, both in churches and membership, than in the rest of the Synod. The two Presbyteries in the southern part of the

State number to-day 100 churches and 13,413 members. So then, whatever changes the coming years may bring in the conduct of Synodical Home Missions, we shall have no just occasion to regret the sums expended upon Monmouth and West Jersey. The Synod has now on its list 85 churches which receive aid from this fund. They are distributed as follows: Elizabeth, 4; Jersey City, 11; Morris and Orange, 11; Monmouth 19; Newark 4; New Brunswick 3; Newton, 9, and West Jersey, 24. During the past ten years 12 churches which received aid from our fund have reached self support. If the times had not been so hard during the past four years, this number would have been considerably increased. With the return of prosperity, we may confidently expect a number of those now aided to need our help no longer.

The committee has published and now submits to Synod a little paper which is called "The Synod." Its object is to set forth the work of Synodical Home Missions, and also by giving a place in its columns to the work of young people's societies and Sunday-schools and other kindred agencies, to keep all in touch with Synod's work. It is thought by your committee that some such paper or pamphlet published four times a year, containing the list of contributions, would give needed information to the churches about our work, and thus deepen the interest of the people and facilitate the gathering of funds. If this project should meet with the approval of Synod, the committee would undertake to publish it without expense either to Synod or to the funds of Synodical Home Missions.

Our Treasurer, Mr. Green, notified Synod one year ago of his desire to be released from the duties of his office at the close of this fiscal year. We have had a conference with him and are reluctantly compelled to concur in his wishes. His other duties are now of such a character that it is practically impossible for him to continue this work. His interest in it and his confidence, both as to the importance and feasibility of our work, continue unabated. He has rendered signal service to the cause of Synodical Home Missions, and it is not too much to say that a large part of the success of the plan is due to the fact that he gave to it his name, his support and his gratuitous services. Not a dollar has been drawn from the fund for rent of office, clerk hire or service of any kind. He has served so long and worked so well that he has indissolubly linked his name with the record and achievements of Synodical Home Missions. The committee are prepared to recommend a successor to Mr. Green, and count themselves happy and congratulate the Synod upon the possibility of securing the services of the Hon. William M. Lanning, of Trenton, N. J.

The committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

1. That the Moderator and Stated Clerk be asked to prepare and send to Elmer Ewing Green, Esq., a suitable letter of acknowledgment of his services as Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions.

2. That the Hon. William M. Lanning be elected to the position of Treasurer of the funds of Synodical Home Missions.

3. That the Treasurer's bond be fixed at $5,000, and that Synod pay the cost of suretyship.

4. That the Committee on Synodical Home Missions be authorized to publish a paper or periodical, provided that Synod be not held responsible for the expense.

5. That Synod acknowledges with thanks the contributions received from the Christian Endeavor and other young people's societies, and that they be urged to continue their contributions.

6. That Presbyteries be asked to contribute as in former years, so that there may be expected—

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth,		$2,726 70
" "	Jersey City,	1,720 50
" "	Monmouth,	1,401 62
" "	Morris and Orange,	2,931 30
" "	Newark,	3,087 99
" "	New Brunswick,	2,438 64
" "	Newton,	1,160 20
" "	West Jersey,	1,549 24
		$17,016 19

7. That allotments be made as follows :

To the Presbytery of Elizabeth,		$900 00
" "	Jersey City,	2,650 00
" "	Monmouth,	4,000 00
" "	Morris and Orange,	1,800 00
" "	Newark,	1,775 00
" "	New Brunswick,	450 00
" "	Newton,	1,150 00
" "	West Jersey,	4 200 00
		$16,925 00

IV.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

To the Synod of New Jersey:

Your Treasurer for Synodical Home Missions respectfully presents the following report:

In October last, at New Brunswick, you did, on the recommendation of your Permanent Committee offer hearty thanks to the Treasurer for his past services and invite him to serve you for another year. The thanks he accepted as heartily as they were given; the invitation he willingly heeded; and forthwith he entered upon the service to which he was bidden. How that service has been performed, it is the design of this paper to rehearse.

The sum of money which your Treasurer ought to have received in the tenth fiscal year was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars and eighty-one cents. To the making up of this sum the eight home Presbyteries were asked by you to contribute, upon the same basis as in former years, so that from them, respectively, were expected the moneys set opposite to their names in the Schedule 1, hereunder written. The sum which your Treasurer in fact did receive from the churches of the several Presbyteries was fourteen thousand six hundred and forty seven dollars and forty cents. Of this sum, two thousand four hundred and seventy-one dollars and forty eight cents were the offering of thirty five churches in the Presbytery of Elizabeth; twelve hundred and ninety-eight dollars and ninety-five cents were the offering of twenty-seven churches in the Presbytery of Jersey City; twelve hundred and twenty-six dollars and ninety-six cents were the offering of forty seven churches in the Presbytery of Monmouth; two thousand eight hundred and ninety three dollars and forty-two cents were the offering of forty-two churches in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; two thousand two hundred and twenty-six dollars and eight cents were the offering of thirty churches in the Presbytery of Newark; nineteen hundred and ninety-five dollars and one cent were the offering of thirty-seven churches in the Presbytery of New Brunswick; eleven hundred and forty-three dollars and sixty-nine cents were the offering of thirty-two churches in the Presbytery of Newton; and thirteen hundred and ninety-one dollars and eighty-one cents were the offering of fifty-four churches in the Presbytery of West Jersey. Besides these offerings, your Treasurer has received from a member of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, five dollars; from members of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, for the credit thereof, fifteen dollars; from a member of a church in the Presbytery of Newark,

twenty-five dollars ; from two persons, members of churches in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, three hundred and fifty dollars ; and from two persons within the Presbytery of West Jersey (one a pastor), one hundred and fifteen dollars. Further, your Treasurer received from the Presbyteries of Jersey City and Morris and Orange, agreeably to Article V., paragraph 5, of the Plan, one hundred and sixteen dollars and thirty three cents, in return of unused appropriations for temporary supplies ; and, from the Presbytery of Newton thirty three dollars and thirty-three cents, in return of moneys drawn upon a mistaken order in July, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety five. The Treasurer would here make reference to the Schedule 3, hereunder written, for an enumeration and classification of the gifts of the year just ended, and also for an enumeration of the moneys returned to the treasury, and, further to the Schedule 4, hereunder written, for a comparative exhibit of the gifts of the churches in the ninth and tenth fiscal years.

From the evidence of these schedules, it appears that a great majority of the churches within the bounds of the Synod have obeyed your admonition to take up collections for this cause ; but it is equally true that many have delayed the taking up, or at least the forwarding of such collections until the closing days of the fiscal year. Of the gifts of the year, nearly one-half in value was received within the last quarter, and two-fifths in value were received within the last month. From the evidence of these schedules also, and from the summary of account hereunto annexed, it may be seen that the sum which your Treasurer ought to have received within the year has not been raised ; that the offerings from congregations, Sabbath-schools, and societies and bands have been less than in the preceding year by twelve hundred and eighty-six dollars and sixty-four cents ; and that seven of the eight home Presbyteries have failed through ordinary means to meet the measure of your expectations although by the aid of individual gifts West Jersey joins Newton in reaching the mark.

The payments which could possibly be made in the last fiscal year for the services of ministers or missionaries, rendered in the preceding year, were limited by the balance of the allotments for that year, unexpended at the making of the last report. The payments actually made amounted to three thousand six hundred and fifty-one dollars and one cent ; and thus the real balance at the disposal of the Synod in October, A.D. eighteen hundred and ninety-five, was not five thousand, one hundred and sixty-four dollars and seven cents, but fifteen hundred and thirteen dollars and six cents.

The sum of money which your Treasurer might expend for the services of ministers or missionaries, rendered in the tenth fiscal year, was fixed at sixteen thousand, seven hundred and twenty-five dollars. This sum you allotted to the eight home Presbyteries, in

the manner set forth in the Schedule 2, hereunder written. By the allotments, duly certified to your Treasurer by your Stated Clerk, the former has been restricted in his payments for missionary service. For such service he paid out twelve thousand, three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and sixty-two cents before the close of the year, and necessarily the close of the year saw the work of payment not yet fully done.

Putting aside any reference to the years in which services were rendered, or to the allotments against which payments were chargeable your Treasurer fixes the sum paid in the course of the year, to or for the use of ministers or missionaries, at sixteen thousand and forty-eight dollars and sixty-three cents. These men have ministered in holy things in eighty five mission fields within the borders of the Synod. For them, seven hundred and twenty five dollars have been drawn out on orders from the Presbytery of Elizabeth; two thousand, four hundred and fifty four dollars, on orders from the Presbytery of Jersey City; four thousand and sixty nine dollars and ninety eight cents on orders from the Presbytery of Monmouth; fifteen hundred and ninety-one dollars and sixty six cents, on orders from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; seventeen hundred and thirty-one dollars and twenty-five cents on orders from the Presbytery of Newark; four hundred and seventy-three dollars on orders from the Presbytery of New Brunswick; eight hundred and eighty-one dollars and twenty five cents, on orders from the Presbytery of Newton; and four thousand, one hundred and twenty two dollars and forty nine cents on orders from the Presbytery of West Jersey. For printing, stationery, postage, interest, and traveling and other necessary expenses of the Permanent Committee, your Treasurer paid out one hundred and thirty three dollars and ninety cents. Let him here make reference to subdivisions 1 and 2 of the Schedule 5, hereunder written,* for an enumeration and classification of the expenditures of every kind, and further to the Schedule 6, hereunder written, for a comparative exhibit of the payments for strictly mission service in the ninth and tenth fiscal years.

From the evidence of these schedules and from the summary of account it becomes apparent that the outlay for strictly mission work has been greater than in the preceding year by twelve hundred and ninety-one dollars and twenty cents there having been an increase of outlay in seven of the eight Presbyteries, and that the sum in the treasury at the close of the year was four thousand two hundred and eighty-eight dollars and sixty cents. Of this balance, however, but two hundred dollars remain after meeting the just demands of the last four weeks.

As matters of interest, your Treasurer now particularly records that there has been a falling off of income in the past year of nearly thirteen hundred dollars, and, by contrast, an increase of expendi-

* Not printed by order of Synod.

ture of almost the same amount—facts worthy to be borne in mind in making estimates for the new year; and that he has at last prepared and made accessible a perfect list of the mission fields of the Synod, a fact which removes from you any possibility of a charge of ignorance of the length and breadth of your work.

And now, as foreshadowed in his report of a year ago, your Treasurer for Synodical Home Missions lays down his office and transfers its duties and privileges to the man of your choice. In the decade that is gone, the Treasurer has had the companionship of good and noble men, for which he is thankful; he has had an humble share, which will be a happy memory, in a work destined in itself and its results long to outlive him; but he may not deny that there is a sense of relief as, without boasting, he puts off the harness of a ten years' service.

All these matters and things are respectfully submitted this twenty eighth day of October, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

ELMER EWING GREEN,
Treasurer.

SCHEDULE 1.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

Contributions sought for the work of Synodical Home Missions for the year ending October 1st, 1896:

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	$2,656 80
" Presbytery of Jersey City,	1,712 50
" Presbytery of Monmouth,	1,416 36
" Presbytery of Morris and Orange,	2,921 70
" Presbytery of Newark,	2,990 52
" Presbytery of New Brunswick,	2,433 51
" Presbytery of Newton,	1,116 60
" Presbytery of West Jersey,	1,502 82
	$16,750 81

SCHEDULE 2.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

Sums allotted for use in the work of Synodical Home Missions for the year ending October 1st, 1896:

To the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	$800 00
" Presbytery of Jersey City,	2,650 00
" Presbytery of Monmouth,	4,000 00
" Presbytery of Morris and Orange,	1,750 00
" Presbytery of Newark,	1,725 00
" Presbytery of New Brunswick,	450 00
" Presbytery of Newton,	1,150 00
" Presbytery of West Jersey,	4,200 00
	$16,725 00

SCHEDULE 3.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

Contributions to the work of Synodical Home Missions during the year ending October 1st, 1896.

FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.	Congregations.	Sabbath Schools.	Societies.
Basking Ridge,	$134 00		
Bayonne City, 1st,	30 00		
Bethlehem,	5 00		
Carteret,	1 63		
Clarksville (Glen Gardner),	1 00		
Clinton,	72 00		
Connecticut Farms,	43 00		
Cranford,	83 10		
Dunellen,			
Elizabeth, 1st,	150 00		
" 2d,		$185 00	
" 3d,	54 00		$20 14
" 1st German,	25 00		5 00
" Greystone,	38 58		
" Madison Avenue,	21 18		2 17
" Siloam,	5 00		
" Westminster,	180 00		
Lamington,	53 40		
Liberty Corner,	30 00		
Lower Valley (Califon),	5 00		
Maurer, German,	3 00		
Metuchen,	43 00		
Perth Amboy,	69 12	3 61	
Plainfield, 1st,	113 50		2 00
" Crescent Avenue,	250 50		
" Bethel Chapel,	16 20		
" Hope Chapel,	71 10		
" Warren Chapel,	17 40		
Pluckemin,	50 00		
Rahway, 1st,	114 50		
" 2d,	150 00		
" 1st German,	3 00		2 00
Roselle,	$117 50		
Springfield,	54 00		$2 00
Westfield,	175 00		2 00
Woodbridge,	47 85		10 00
FROM AN INDIVIDUAL.			
Rev. Ezra F. Mundy, $5 00			
FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.			
Avondale,			
Carlstadt, German,			
Claremont,			
Dundee (Passaic),	16 00		2 00
Englewood,	16 70	$5 00	
" Calvary Chapel,	1 00		
Garfield,			
Hackensack,	5 87	10 00	2 00
" Wood Ridge Chapel,	18 00		2 00
Hoboken,	2 63		
" Bethesda Chapel,	36 55		
Jersey City, 1st,			
" 2d,	194 40		
" John Knox,	30 55		
" Scotch,	10 00		
" Westminster,			
Kingsland Mission Chapel,			
Lake View (Paterson),		5 00	2 00
Newfoundland (Oak Ridge),	5 32		2 00
	6 25		

	Cong.	S. S.	Soc
Norwood,			
Passaic, 1st,	$57 83	$30 00	
" German,			
Paterson, 1st,	93 00		
" 2d,	175 00		
" " Madison Avenue Chapel,			
" 3d,	33 00		
" 1st, German,	12 00		
" Broadway, German,	10 00	5 00	$5 00
" Church of the Redeemer,	150 00		
" East Side,	29 60		
" St. Augustine,	5 00		
" Westminster,	3 00		
Rutherford,	90 77	60 00	
" Lyndhurst Chapel,			
" West End Chapel,			
Tenafly,	12 48		4 00
Weehawken,			
West Hoboken,	100 00		
" Chapel,			
West Milford,	30 00		
FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH			
Allentown,	61 60		
Asbury Park, 1st,	27 73		
" Westminster,			
Atlantic Highlands,	26 68		
Barnegat,	11 00		2 00
Beverly,	50 00		5 00
Bordentown,	7 25	17 15	2 00
Burlington,	29 23		
Bustleton, Providence,	10 78		
Columbus,	6 00		
Cranbury, 1st,	99 44		
" 2d,	62 48		
Cream Ridge,	3 10		
Delanco,	15 30		
Englishtown,	25 00		
Farmingdale,	18 70		
Forked River,	5 28		
Freehold, 1st,	$96 25		$1 75
Hightstown,	31 45	$26 63	
Holmanville,	5 00		
Hope,	5 00		
Jacksonville,	9 24		
Jamesburg,	81 84		
Keyport,	16 00		
Lakewood,	31 00		
Long Branch,			2 00
Manalapan,	16 94		
Manasquan,		39 43	2 37
Manchester,	8 80		
Matawan,	41 80		2 00
Moorestown,	18 00		2 00
Mount Holly,		31 02	
New Gretna,	15 62		
Ocean Beach (Belmar),	10 12		
Oceanic,	29 00		
Perrineville,	15 00		
Plattsburg,	5 50		
Plumstead, at New Egypt,			
Point Pleasant,	16 06		
Red Bank,	41 80		
Riverton, Calvary,	23 60		
Sayreville, German,	16 94		
Shamong (Chatsworth),	1 00		
Shrewsbury,	32 00		
South Amboy,	17 00		
South River, German,	8 92		
Tennent,	16 16		2 00
Toms River,	21 00		
Tuckerton,	1 00		
FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.			
Berkshire Valley,	11 00		
Boonton,	67 35		10 00
Chatham,	83 35		
Chester,	20 00		
Dover, 1st,	123 50		60 00

Dover, Welsh, at Richard Mine,	10 00		
East Orange, 1st,	225 00		
" " 1st, Elmwood Chapel,		2 00	
" " Arlington Avenue,	54 86		
" " Bethel,	25 48		
" " Brick,	135 00		
Fairmount,	6 29		
Flanders,	20 00		
German Valley,	20 00	2 00	
Hanover, 1st,	92 00		
Madison,	130 00	30 00	
Mendham, 1st,	85 00		
" 2d,			
Mine Hill,	10 00		
Morris Plains,	10 00		
Morristown, 1st,	275 00		
" South Street,	250 00		
Mount Freedom,			
Mount Olive,	25 20		
Myersville, German,	5 00		
New Providence,	14 00		
New Vernon,	15 11		
Orange, 1st,	257 80		
" Central,	250 00		
" German,	10 00	6 00	6 00
" Hillside,	100 80		
" St Cloud,	35 00		
Orange Valley, German,	15 00		
Parsippany,	13 00	2 00	
Pleasantdale, German,	10 00		
Pleasant Grove,			
Rockaway,	51 40		
Schooley's Mountain,	20 00	2 00	
South Orange, 1st,	79 20		
" " Trinity,	50 00		
" " " Vailsburgh Chap.,			
Stirling,	3 70		
Succasunna,	26 00	2 00	
Summit, Central,	112 89		
Whippany,	13 29		
Wyoming,	10 20		

FROM INDIVIDUALS.

Members of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, for the credit thereof,	$15 00		

FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

Arlington,			5 00
Bloomfield, 1st,	200 00		
" German,			
" Westminster,	150 00		
Caldwell,	33 57		
East Newark, Knox (Kearney),	15 00		6 00
Lyon's Farms,	8 78		
Montclair, 1st,	67 64		5 00
" Grace,	8 00		
" Trinity,	70 00		2 00
Newark, 1st,	300 00		
" 2d,	255 00		
" 3d,	235 00		
" 6th,	10 21		
" 1st German,	24 00		
" 2d "	25 00		
" 3d "	10 00		
" 1st Italian,	13 56		
" Bethany,	5 00		2 00
" Calvary,	37 85		2 00
" Central,			
" Fewsmith Memorial,	11 00		
" Fifth Avenue,	27 37		3 31
" High Street,	125 00		
" Memorial,	25 00		
" North Park,			
" Park,	55 00		48 95
" Plane Street,	8 00		
" Roseville,	225 00		
" South Park,	102 28		75
" Wickliffe,	21 39		
" Woodside,	66 42		
Roseland,	16 00		
Verona,			

FROM AN INDIVIDUAL.

"Aid" of the First Church of Montclair,	$25 00		

FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Alexandria, 1st, at Mount Pleasant		4 00	

	Cong.	S. S.	Soc.
Amwell, 1st, at Reaville,	$30 00		
" 2d, at Mount Airy,	4 25		
" United 1st, at Ringoes,	5 00		
Bound Brook,	37 50		$2 50
Dayton,	48 00		
Dutch Neck,	40 00		
Ewing,	47 00		3 00
Flemington,	150 03		
Frenchtown,	21 00	$6 00	12 00
Hamilton Square,	25 00		
Holland,	7 25		2 00
Hopewell,	20 28		2 25
Kingston,	15 00	5 00	3 00
Kingwood,	4 00		
Lambertville,	28 00	15 00	30 00
Lawrenceville,	50 00		5 50
Milford,	25 00		3 00
New Brunswick, 1st,	126 02		
" " 2d,	16 08		
Pennington,	27 50		
Princeton, 1st,	93 59		
" 2d,	48 13	15 00	5 00
" " Stony Brook Y. P. S. C. E.,			2 00
" Witherspoon St.,	7 00		
Ringoes, Kirkpatrick Memorial,	8 00		
Stockton,	15 00		2 50
Titusville,	30 00		1 85
Trenton, 1st,	297 47	19 53	3 00
" " East Trenton Chapel,	10 00	10 00	15 66
" 2d,	11 00		2 00
" 3d,	105 00	45 00	
" 4th,	100 00		
" 5th,	40 00		
" Bethany,	68 00		
" Prospect St,	215 00		3 00
" " " Brookville Mission,		2 12	

FROM INDIVIDUALS.

A friend in the Presbytery of New Brunswick,	$200 00
"G.," of the Presbytery of New Brunswick,	150 00

FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

	Cong.	S. S.	Soc.
Andover,	$5 00		$2 00
Asbury,	100 00		
Beatyestown,	1 52		
Belvidere, 1st,	75 00		2 00
" 2d,	20 90		2 00
Blairstown,	115 59	$9 41	3 70
Bloomsbury,	13 00		
Branchville,	19 00		
Danville,	20 00		
Deckertown,	30 00		2 00
Delaware,	2 00		
Franklin Furnace,	27 00		5 00
Greenwich,	13 00		
Hackettstown,	125 00		8 00
Hardyston, North, at Hamburgh,			
Harmony,	12 52		
Hope,			
Johnsonburgh, Yellow Frame,	3 00		
Knowlton,	7 00		
La Fayette,			
Mansfield, 2d,	3 40		
Marksboro,	15 10		
Montana,			
Musconetcong Valley, at Junction,	6 00		
Newton,	200 00		
Oxford, 1st,	20 00		2 00
" 2d, at Oxford,	3 00		
Phillipsburg, 1st,	4 98	10 42	
" Westminster,	15 00		
Sparta,	20 00		
Stanhope,	20 00		
Stewartsville,	53 15		
Stillwater,	6 00		
Swartswood,			
Wantage, 1st,	10 00		
" 2d, at Beemerville,	6 00		
Washington,	125 00		

FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

Absecon,		2 50	5 00
Atco,	5 00		
Atlantic City, 1st,	75 00		
" " German,	16 00	1 00	1 00
Berlin,	1 50		
Billingsport,	9 84		
Blackwoodtown,	33 00		
Bridgeton, 1st,	76 60	10 00	
" 2d,	90 20		
" 4th,	9 00		
" Irving Avenue,	18 04		
" West,	50 00		
Bunker Hill,	3 00		
Camden, 1st,	88 00		
" 1st, Central Mission,			
" 2d,	46 82	15 00	6 00
" Calvary,	1 00		
" Liberty Park, German,	9 90		
Cape Island (Cape May City),	16 50	16 28	
Cedarville, 1st,	27 47	10 00	
" Osborn Memorial,	22 22		
Clayton,	60 00		2 00
Cold Spring,	35 20		
Deerfield,	41 00		
Elmer,	7 00	14 00	4 00
Elwood, Brainerd,	9 24		
Fairfield, at Fairton,	5 00		
Glassboro,	2 00		
Gloucester City,		24 00	
Green Creek,	7 00		
Greenwich,	31 00		
Haddonfield,	42 00		
" Audubon Mission Chapel,			
Hammonton,	20 00		
" Italian Evangelical,	4 00		
Holly Beach Mission Chapel,	6 00		
Janvier,	1 00	2 50	
Jericho,	7 70		
Leeds Point,	1 00		
Mays Landing	40 00		
Merchantville,			32 40
Millville,			
North Cramer Hill, Grace,	11 99	3 01	
Pittsgrove, at Daretown,	26 00	7 00	9 66
" Pittsgrove Hall Mission,	1 00		
" Shirley Mission,		2 35	
" Whig Lane Mission,		3 00	2 00
Pleasantville,	8 50		
Salem,	50 00	19 21	12 00
Swedesboro,	11 68		
Tuckahoe,	10 00		
Vineland,	30 00		
Waterford,	5 00		
Wenonah,	25 00	9 95	
Weymouth Mission Chapel,			
Williamstown,	18 00		
Woodbury,	44 15		
Woodstown,	16 00	3 00	

FROM INDIVIDUALS.

"H. L. J.," of the Presbytery of West Jersey,	$15 00			
D. Wilson Moore,	100 00			
	$115 00			
		13437 82	$724 12	$485 46

UNUSED APPROPRIATIONS, RETURNED AGREEABLY TO ART V. PL. 5, OF THE PLAN.

By the Presbytery of Jersey City,			$38 00
" Presbytery of Morris and Orange,			
Dr. White,	$28 33		
Dr. Halloway,	50 00		
		78 33	
			$116 33

Money erroneously drawn in July 1895, returned by the Presbytery of Newton, $33 33

SCHEDULE 4.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

Contributions by Presbyteries, during the ninth and tenth years, compared.

PRESBYTERY.	‖Number of Churches giving in 1894-5.	‖Number of Churches giving in 1895-6.	Increase or Decrease.	Gifts in 1894-5.	Gifts in 1895-6.	Increase or Decrease.
Elizabeth,	34	35	inc. 1	*$2664 36	*$2471 48	dec. $192 88
Jersey City,	32	27	dec. 5	1709 82	1298 95	dec. 410 87
Monmouth,	49	47	dec. 2	1286 59	1226 96	dec. 59 63
Morris and Orange,	44	42	dec. 2	¶2926 87	‡2908 42	dec. 18 45
Newark,	29	30	inc. 1	2558 08	¶¶2226 08	dec. 332 00
New Brunswick,	36	37	inc. 1	§=2026 84	§§1995 01	dec. 31 83
Newton,	30	32	inc. 2	†1223 94	1143 69	dec. 80 25
West Jersey,	52	54	inc. 2	**1590 54	††1391 81	dec. 198 73

‖ Mission stations and Sabbath-schools counted as churches.

*One person, a member of this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of $5.00.

¶ One person, a member of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of $20.00.

§ Of this sum, $53.00 were privately contributed for the credit of the Presbytery.

Three persons, members of churches within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of $380 00.

†One person, a member of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of $6.00.

** One person, pastor of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of $15.00

‡ Of this sum, $15.00 were contributed by members of this Presbytery, for the credit thereof

¶¶ One person, a member of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of $25 00.

§§ Two persons, members of churches within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of $350.00

†† Two persons, within this Presbytery (one a pastor), contributed the further sum of $115.00.

SCHEDULE 6.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

Payments on account of appropriations for services, made during the ninth and tenth years, compared by Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY.	No. of Churches, etc., where aid was received.		Increase or Decrease.	Payments in 1894-5.	Payments in 1895-6.	Increase or Decrease
	1894-5.	1895-6.				
Elizabeth,	3	4	inc. 1	$525 00	$725 00	inc. $200 00
Jersey City,	12	11	dec. 1	2,274 83	2,454 00	inc. 179 17
Monmouth,	19	18	dec. 1	*3,678 84	*4,069 98	inc. 391 14
Morris and Orange,	9	11	inc 2	1,412 50	1,591 66	inc. 179 16
Newark,	4	4	....	1,556 25	1,731 25	inc. 175 00
New Brunswick,	4	4	....	578 00	473 00	dec. 105 00
Newton,	5	9	inc. 4	726 38	881 25	inc. 154 87
West Jersey,	25	25	....	*4,005 63	*4,122 49	inc. 116 86

*These sums include the salaries of the Presbyterial Missionaries.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT

For the year ending October 1st, 1896.

DR.

To balance from last year,		$5,164 07
" contributions during the year—		
From congregations,	$13,437 82	
Sabbath schools	724 12	
societies,	485 46	
individuals,	510 00	
		15,157 40
" unused appropriations returned,		116 33
" money erroneously drawn and returned		33 33
		$20,471 13
" notes and bills payable issued,		2,950 00
		$23,421 13

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By payments for services of ministers or missionaries,	$16,048 63
" printing, postage, traveling and other expenses,	94 62
" interest,	39 28
	$16,182 53
" notes and bills payable redeemed,	2,950 00
	$19,132 53
" balance to next year,	4 288 60
	$23,421 13

ELMER EWING GREEN,
Treasurer.

V.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Reasons for special thanksgiving abound: that amid dangers and scenes of violence the lives of missionaries and helpers have been preserved; that war has opened wider doors for evangelization and Bible distribution in China, Japan, Korea; that the recognition of the right of our missionaries to labor and be protected has been secured; that the violent change of rulers in Persia has been free from outbreak or hindrance; that the movement toward Christ of the low castes in India is still spreading; that in all directions the gospel is being preached more widely than ever by evangelistic methods; best of all, because meaning most for the future, that "groanings which cannot be uttered" are rising in larger measure from the hearts of faithful workers abroad and supporters at home for a mightier baptism of power.

The labors of the past year have not been unfruitful. More than ten per cent. on the whole field, added on confession; in Guatemala, a doubling of the little flock; in Lodiana after a sowing so protracted and discouraging, 566 new converts; in our own Presbytery of Corisco, 174, making its total of communicants 1,650. It should be recorded with grateful appreciation that as a result of the patient inculcation upon the natives of self-support as vital to life and growth, the goodly sum of $88,384 was contributed upon the field; and that certain missionaries relinquished a portion of their modest salaries that the work of God might not be hindered. That the same spirit is not wholly wanting in the home church appears in the fitting out and sending of thirty eight new missionaries, whom the Board felt unable to commission, by special funds given for the purpose, and in the reunion memorial, amounting to $100,000 for Foreign Missions.

About 2,800 American and native laborers are under the direction of our Board in fourteen foreign countries. These were sustained at an expense of $870,000—about $300 apiece including buildings, schools, presses, &c. The cost of administration was $47,000, or 5½ per cent. This percentage would have been much larger but for the gratuitous services of the members of the Board and others, whose co-operation is invaluable.

The Board was able to report to the General Assembly that the debt of $174,000 with which the year opened had been reduced to $46,000. But it also reported a reduction of the Mission estimates for the current year of $100,000. For the Board, this is doubtless a prudent measure; but for the church it is a long step backward.

The latest reports from the Treasurer are ominous. The receipts from all departments of the living have steadily fallen since May 1st, and an overplus of $13,000 in legacies has not prevented a loss

of nearly $20,000. Leaving legacies aside, the church is $32,000 behind the same period of last year. This decline awakens grave apprehension. An offering consecrated with prayer, from every member of each congregation is what our Committees and home churches must set themselves to accomplish. This will require some form of *personal solicitation*, and involves labor; but it is a solution of our present difficulty which we earnestly commend to the churches.

In the Assembly's Minutes of 1896 the Synod of New Jersey is credited with $90,562 for Foreign Missions, made up as follows:

	Gain.	Loss.	Blanks.	Total.
1. Corisco,	$12	. .	0	$63
2. Elizabeth	576	. .	2	14,007
3. Jersey City	403	. .	5	9,401
4. Monmouth	258	. .	0	5,485
5. Morris and Orange	. .	$1,288	3	22,476
6. Newark	. .	129	3	17,205
7. New Brunswick	2,620	. .	0	12,578
8. Newton,	. .	305	0	5,426
9. West Jersey	. .	584	10	3,921
	$3,869	$2,306	23	$90,562

But the churches should be credited with 30 per cent. of the Reunion Memorial Fund, apportioned to Foreign Missions. Then the figures will be:

	Gain.	Loss.	Total.
1. Corisco	$12	. .	$63
2. Elizabeth	2,498	. .	15,928
3. Jersey City,	710	. .	9,707
4. Monmouth	1,122	. .	6,349
5. Morris and Orange,	878	. .	24,642
6. Newark	1,394	. .	18,728
7. New Brunswick	4,094	. .	14,052
8. Newton	136	. .	5,867
9. West Jersey,	. .	$167	4,338
	$10,844	$167	$99,674

This makes the net gain $9,112. While this represents the actual contribution for the year it cannot be reduplicated without great effort.

It is a satisfaction to note that even without this our Synod made the substantial gain of $1,563, of which New Brunswick must be credited with the lion's share. Have we reached the reasonable measure of gifts for this object? Memorial included, it is only $1.50 a member; without it $1.35.

The Board calls attention to the inadequate contribution of Sabbath schools—a little over $30 000 for more than a million members, or three cents apiece. In our Synod more than 75,000 gave $4,734, or six cents apiece. A general participation in the "Christmas Offering," recommended by the Assembly and the Board, would add largely to the aggregate. Suppose that in this year of peculiar need the young and the old should be encouraged to devote a portion of their usual Christmas gifts for the relief of Home and Foreign Missions, would not these Boards be rescued? Shall we not inaugurate a movement of this kind?

The young people's societies gave $2,440, an increase of 27 per cent. The woman's societies fell short $3,000, but gave nearly one-third of the total. Their reports, submitted herewith have been read with interest and profit.

Your Committee have not deemed it wise to meddle with the apportionment table proposed by the General Assembly. It may be useful to bring some localities up to its standard, but it would discourage gifts in our Synod.

While greatly encouraged by the success of last year's Synodical Missions Congress, we do not recommend another this year. But we are so well assured of the widely beneficial results of the itinerary of the Rev. W. D. Bannerman throughout the Synod, that we propose, with your approval, to repeat the experiment. We have been greatly favored in securing the services of the Rev. Hunter Corbett, D.D., of China, one of our most spiritual and successful missionaries. Beginning with this meeting, it is planned that he shall traverse the State, spending a week or less in each Presbytery, according to a schedule prepared by its Chairman of Foreign Missions. Dr. Corbett earnestly asks that his coming may be preceded in each locality by special prayer and earnest effort to make the meetings a means of enlightenment and of spiritual uplifting and outworking.

The careful attention of the members of the Synod is bespoken for the new programme for 1897 for the Monthly Concert. It is hoped by this change to a wider range of subjects to increase the interest and usefulness of this very important aid to Foreign Missions.

The Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. This Synod records its indorsement of the General Assembly's action as to the protection of American citizens engaged in missionary labors abroad. It also expresses hearty sympathy with both missionaries and adherents under stress of special bereavement or danger, or confronted with the disheartening alternative of retrenchment, and with the Board in its present perplexities.

2. Thankful that the past year's record shows an increase of gifts for Foreign Missions, but realizing that we are able to do much more, we will make it our aim not only to enlarge our con-

tributions, but to procure an annual offering from each member of every congregation.

3. As heretofore, we approve the diligence of our Societies of women and young people, commending to the latter the Board's plan for supporting individual missionaries.

4. We urge all of our Sabbath-schools to remember the "Christmas Offering."

5. We commend to the attention of the churches the Board's new program for the Monthly Concert. We earnestly desire that this important service should be universally observed. We consider one or more of the missionary magazines, as well as the "Assembly Herald," indispensable in every home.

6. We adopt the plan of the Synod's Committee for the itineration of the Rev. Hunter Corbett, D.D., among our churches, pledging him cordial welcome and prayerful support.

VI. — NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

Just a year ago we were given the Scotch motto, "Ever forward never backward," and when the special lines of work for our New Jersey women were announced, the Presbyterial societies responded, "Ready, aye ready."

During the year stories have come to us from the various Home Mission fields of contributions given with a spirit of self denial that might well be preached from the house tops here at home in our own State.

Shall we look at the figures recorded to see whether we have been as constant and faithful in our giving?

Presbytery.	Value of Boxes.	Money.	Total.
Elizabeth,	$1,886 08	$4,332 67	$6,218 75
Jersey City,	1,618 12	1,567 46	3,185 58
Monmouth,	1,277 28	1,748 29	3,025 57
Morris and Orange,	5,253 82	3,875 42	9,129 24
Newark,	2,424 84	2,100 48	4,525 32
New Brunswick,	1,727 99	2,316 11	4,044 10
Newton,	675 36	1,857 37	2,532 73
West Jersey,	849 33	1,156 36	2,005 69

The whole amount received by the Woman's Executive Committee from societies, bands, Sunday-schools and Christian Endeavor societies is $21,209.

Of this amount, $1,127 was contributed for the Asheville Farm School; $577 for the Indian Training school at Tucson; $378 for Sumter, and $796 for the debt.

The loss for the year is $269, this difference being in the contributions of societies and bands, while the Sunday school offerings show a decided gain of $680, and the gifts for the Freedmen are also in advance of last year.

Excellent reports come from the Presbyterial societies, and it is from these that the following items have been gleaned:

Elizabeth brings us only cheering news showing an increase all along the line—in the number of societies and bands, in their membership and in the total contributions, as the amount received is $209 more than last year.

Jersey City also shows a gain in the amount given, and has enrolled some enthusiastic young people's societies from which we are to look for reinforcements before long. We note, too, an increase in the number of subscriptions to the "Home Mission

Monthly," and a decided advance in the contributions for the Freedmen.

Monmouth tells of one new society organized during the winter, and of efforts that are being made to establish Home Missionary societies in the few other churches in the Presbytery which are still without them.

Morris and Orange reports a greatly increased membership — nearly 1,200 more but the amount given to Home Missions this year is less than last, though the offerings from Sunday-schools are $77 in advance.

Newark shows a gain of $306 in the year's total, nearly four hundred new members and an increase in the number of Societies and Bands.

New Brunswick reports one new Society and a greatly awakened interest, which seems partly due to the efforts of the Visiting Committee who have been most faithful. This plan has worked so well that it is proposed to district the whole Presbytery and appoint special Committees.

Newton sends word of an increase in the Sunday-school gifts, a larger membership in societies and more magazine subscriptions.

The work at West Jersey shows a deeper spirituality, and, though a slight falling off in contributions is reported, the officers are encouraged to believe that, with increased effort, this can be more than made up during the coming year.

Gratefully we look to the past, hopefully to the future, joyfully to the present.

There is nothing more sublime than to trace the operations of our Father among the children of men. We must strive for a consecrated enthusiasm which shall make us co-workers with Him and teach us how best to meet the needs the perplexities, which confront us in our work.

While God's temple is rising day by day in the darker portions of our land, with the boys and girls of the country gathered into schools for its corner-stones, what is each of us doing that each stone may be properly polished and set, fit for a place in this marvelous temple?

LILIAN FAULKS KELLEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

VII.—NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in the Synod of New Jersey was held in the Second Presbyterian Church Paterson N. J.. October 15th, 1896, Mrs. William E. Honeyman, the President, presiding.

After devotional exercises, the roll was called to which all the Presbyteries but West Jersey responded.

Mrs. J. H. Manning, Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, gave her report for the past year, showing all expenses paid and a balance of $34.75 in the treasury. The report was accepted.

Miss M. Katherine Jones presented the report of Young People's Work, which was accepted.

Mrs. Frank B. Kelley, Corresponding Secretary, presented her annual report which was accepted.

The report of Mrs. William Nelson Secretary of Literature, showed an advance along many lines.

The President presented the annual outline of work, pleading for more zeal in conquering our land for Christ.

The hymn "Asleep in Jesus" was sung in memory of Mr. O. D. Eaton, so faithful in his work for the Home Board and the Woman's Executive Committee.

In the absence of Mrs. J. F. Pingry, Miss M. Katherine Jones addressed the Society upon personal responsibility for the young people of our churches.

The offering was received during the singing of a hymn.

A conference of workers was led by Mrs. D. E. Finks.

Rev. David R. Frazer. D.D., addressed the Society upon the "Constraining Love of Christ."

In response to the request of the Woman's Executive Committee for special objects, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in addition to our regular pledged work, we prayerfully endeavor to comply with the recommendation of the Woman's Executive Committee, namely, to raise $1,000 toward the support of the Asheville Farm School, and $1,000 for the Good Will Mission, at Sisseton South Dakota.

Resolved, That we also strive to raise $100 for the completion of the building at Sumter, South Carolina, and $250 for the support of a teacher in that school.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synodical Society of New Jersey be given to the Second Presbyterian Church of Paterson for its cordial welcome and hospitable entertainment.

Resolved, That the Synodical Society place on record its appreciation of the loving and faithful services of Mr. Oliver D. Eaton, late Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, and express its sympathy for his loss to his co-workers and his bereaved family.

Resolved, That we return to our homes endeavoring, in a spirit of renewed consecration to carry out the suggestions and to disseminate the inspiration received from all the services of the day.

An invitation to hold the next annual meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, New Brunswick was accepted with thanks.

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted and adopted, and officers elected as follows:

President—MRS. W. E. HONEYMAN, Plainfield.
Vice-Presidents—MRS. J. H. OWENS, Paterson.
MRS. G. W. B. CUSHING, East Orange.
MRS. C. H. LANGDON, Elizabeth.
MRS. D. C. BLAIR, Belvidere.
MRS. JAMES ROBERTS, Lambertville.
MRS. H. V. DESHLER, Hightstown.
MRS. M. J. PAULDING, Daretown.
Corresponding Secretary—MISS JOSEPHINE PETRIE, Plainfield.
Recording Secretary—MRS. JAS. RICHARD GIBSON, Newark.
Secretary of Literature—MRS. WM. NELSON, Paterson.
Secretary of Young People's Work—MRS. FRANK B. KELLEY, Elizabeth.
Treasurer of Contingent Fund—MRS. J. H. MANNING, Plainfield.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEES.

ELIZABETH.

Mrs. F. H. Pierson, Elizabeth.
Mrs. E. B. Cobb, Elizabeth.
Mrs. W. P. Stevenson, Roselle.
Mrs. J. M. McNulty, Woodbridge.
Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, Plainfield.
Mrs. F. B. Kelley, Elizabeth.
Miss M. J. Peck, Elizabeth.

JERSEY CITY.

Miss L. C. Pudney, Passaic.
Miss C. D. Shaw, Paterson.
Mrs. Wm. Nichols, Jersey City.
Mrs. Alex. Campbell, Jersey City.
Mrs. Wm. Nelson, Paterson.

MONMOUTH.

Mrs. J. S. Long, Freehold.
Mrs. H. V. Deshler, Hightstown.
Mrs. B. S. Everitt, Jamesburg.

MORRIS AND ORANGE.

Mrs. Robert Aikman, Madison.
Mrs. J. B. Beaumont, Morristown.
Mrs. P. A. Gile, East Orange.
Mrs. Albert Erdman, Morristown.
Mrs. G. W. B. Cushing East Orange.

NEWARK.

Mrs. E. O. McFarland, Newark.
Mrs. Paul Babcock, Montclair.
Mrs. Jones, Bloomfield.
Mrs. Isaac B. Marshall, Newark.
Mrs. Wm. Meeker, Lyon's Farms.
Mrs. John Maxwell, Montclair.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs. Chas. Brearley, Trenton.
Mrs. Elmer E. Green, Trenton.
Miss Margaret Sloan, Trenton.
Mrs. P. A. Studdiford, Lambertville.
Mrs. P. I. Nevius Flemington.
Mrs. J. B. Hopewell, Flemington.
Mrs. A. V. Van Fleet, Flemington.

NEWTON.

Mrs. A. C. Van Flick. Washington.
Mrs. William Morrow, Belvidere.
Mrs. William Thomson, Stewartsville.
Mrs. McMurtry, Newton.

WEST JERSEY.

Mrs. M. J. Paulding, Daretown.
Miss Nellie M. Skinner, Woodbury.
Miss N. P. Elmer. Bridgeton.
Mrs. John M. Moore Clayton.

The new Secretaries were then introduced.

After singing the closing hymn, Dr. Shaw, pastor of the church, dismissed the meeting with a few parting words and benediction.

LILLIE CAIRNS GIBSON,
Recording Secretary.

VIII.—NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church has entered this year upon the second quarter-century of its existence.

The Woman's Presbyterial Society of the Presbytery of Elizabeth completed its twenty-fifth year in April, 1896. Next year the Presbyterial societies of Jersey City, Monmouth, Newark and New Brunswick celebrate their silver anniversaries.

The general condition of unrest and uncertainty, inseparable from the transition period through which the whole country is now passing, has its effect on our missionary societies as well as on every other phase of activity, religious and secular. The general stringency of the money market must necessarily influence the flow of gifts into the treasuries of the church. A decrease in the contributions of some of the Presbyterial societies is owing, we may be sure, rather to the inability of the members to contribute as liberally as in past years than to any unwillingness to deny themselves for Christ's sake.

The amounts are as follows :

Elizabeth,	$5,092 55
Jersey City,	2,276 65
Monmouth,	2,943 86
Morris and Orange,	4,240 35
Newark,	5,123 20
New Brunswick,	3,767 03
Newton,	2,041 16
West Jersey,	1,437 26
	$26,922 06

Secretaries for Young People's Work have been very generally appointed, and though they report difficulty in getting from the many societies prompt and full reports, we may be convinced that good seed has been sown in young hearts that will in the future bear fruit in lives devoted to Missions, or spent, it may be on the Mission field. The Christian Endeavor Societies are in some Presbyteries complicating the work somewhat. In an unusual degree, the women of our societies have been kept in touch with their representatives in foreign lands. By letters from the ladies in charge of Mission schools, by talks from missionaries, or from observing friends of Missions they have been led into sympathy with those who are indeed their fellow laborers.

One report speaks of learning from private sources of the good influence of Miss Kuhl and Miss Dascomb, as shown in the lives of

their scholars. It may truly be said that no formal report nor friendly letter nor indeed the spoken word of missionaries themselves, can ever express the half of what the active and silent influence of these faithful and heroic women is upon their heathen neighbors and upon the sometimes worse-than-heathen Europeans with whom they come in contact.

Many friends whom we were wont to greet as one with us in the sublime cause of Foreign Missions have, during the past year, heard the "Well done thou good and faithful servant," and have entered into the joy of their Lord. We have commended to our loving memory the following sainted ones: Miss Mary C. Taylor of Burlington; Miss M. Fannie Dodd and Mrs. Peter Carter of Bloomfield; Miss S. B. Tillon and Miss Emma S. Moore, of Newark; Mrs. George A. Paull, that gifted woman whose pen was ever ready in the service of God and His church. There are others, the influence of whose holy lives will abide long with us, although we see them no longer in the flesh.

The funds contributed at the cost, perhaps, of more self-denial than ever before, and accompanied by earnest prayers that God would give the increase, have been blessed with a full and abundant blessing. Almost without exception, our fellow-laborers in the far-away fields are reaping a full harvest of souls for the Master. The schools very generally report advancement in numbers and efficiency.

Manual training is being introduced in many Mission schools. Opportunities of increasing influence open before our medical missionary ladies, who, you may be sure, use their skill in ministering to the body to bring healing to the sin-sick souls of their patients. In China and in Japan affairs are becoming quiet, and the various branches of work interrupted by the war have been taken up again with renewed energy and interest. As the Presbyterian church does not work among the Armenians in Turkey, the cruelties which have so excited our sympathies and aroused our indignation, have not interfered seriously with the mission work of our Board.

This exemption from trouble from that quarter reminds us by force of contrast that the Presbyterians are the only Christian workers among the Laos peoples of North Siam.

The ladies of the Philadelphia Board have a word for us on the subject of special objects, which they report as seeming to be increasing. While they welcome the interest which this betokens, they warn us not to allow our attention to center too much in a special individual, but recommend that we take the broader view of the work to be accomplished.

LILIAN ALLEN MARTIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

IX.—NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Society of Foreign Missions was held in the Second Presbyterian Church of Paterson N. J.. October 15th, 1896.

A half-hour of prayer was conducted by Miss White of Roselle.

Mrs. Forman, of Jersey City presided in the absence of the President.

The delegates and friends of the Synod were very cordially welcomed by Dr. Shaw pastor of the church in which the meeting was held, to which Mrs. Forman happily responded.

The Corresponding Secretary gave a report of the year's work, paying a beautiful tribute to many of our workers who, during the year, have been called from service here to rejoicing beyond.

The following Committees were then appointed :

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

Mrs. E. M. Hunt, Trenton.
Mrs. A. H. Young, Matawan.
Mrs. Peter Stryker, Bound Brook.
Mrs. Cobb, Elizabeth.
Miss Nichols Newark.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Miss White, Roselle.
Mrs. Cushing, Orange
Miss Demorest, Passaic.
Miss Walker. Montclair.
Mrs. Kerr, Elizabeth.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Mrs. Miles Roselle.
Mrs. Hollifield Newark.
Mrs. Tallman, Orange.
Mrs. Van Fleet, Flemington.
Mrs. Van Fleck, Newton.
Miss Mary Walker Freehold.
Miss Pudney. Passaic.
Mrs. Cushing, East Orange.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $74.27. It was resolved to send $50 to the parent Board at Philadelphia.

Three-minute reports from each Presbytery were given.

Mrs. Perkins, of the Board at Philadelphia, delivered an address, speaking especially of young people's work.

Dr. Laffin, of Central Africa, delivered an address.

The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. W. P. STEVENSON, Roselle.

MONMOUTH PRESBYTERY.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. Joel Parker, Freehold.
Mrs. A. H. Young, Matawan.

JERSEY CITY PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. S. R. Forman, Jersey City.
Mrs. P. F. Leavens, Passaic.

NEW BRUNSWICK PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, New Brunswick.
iss Mary S. Gummere, Trenton.

NEWTON PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. S. D. Thompson, Newton.
Miss Isabel Stewart, Washington.

WEST JERSEY PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. S. E. Ware, Salem.
Mrs. John Moore, Clayton.

ELIZABETH PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. Petrie, Plainfield.
Mrs. R. C. Speer, Elizabeth.

NEWARK PRESBYTERY.

Miss A. M. Carter, Newark.
Mrs. Wm. I. Rusling, Newark.

MORRIS AND ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. R. Aikman, Madison.
Mrs. R. Paton, East Orange.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. CHALMERS MARTIN, Princeton.
Recording Secretary—MRS. J. H. OWENS, Paterson.
Treasurer—MISS E. M. COLTON, Elizabeth.

The society adjourned to meet in October, 1897, in the First Presbyterian Church, New Brunswick.

MRS. J. H. OWENS,
Recording Secretary.

X.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

The Permanent Committee on Sabbath-school Work of the Synod of New Jersey herewith present their annual report for the year 1896.

STATISTICS.

A study of the statistical tables, from year to year should be sufficient to convince even the gainsaying as to the staying qualities of the 75,000 children, young people and their teachers, in the 444 Sabbath schools of the Synod. This steady showing is a guarantee of the future prosperity of the various causes of the Synod, providing all our Sabbath schools, from the infant department to the Bible, are taught to loyally work for Systematic Beneficence, Synodical Home Missions and the various other agencies of the church.

The average contribution to the three objects of benevolence, Sabbath-school work, other Boards of the church and other benevolences, was fifty two cents. And this as well, is the average for the past six years. The proportion of the benevolent gifts finding their way into the Boards of the church is a little larger than that of last year. Notwithstanding all that has been said and done with reference to church support of the Sabbath-schools it still remains evident from the figures in the last columns of the reports, that little, if any, headway is being made in this direction. The Board of Sabbath-school Work reports offerings from 290 churches and Sabbath schools of Synod during the year being 88 per cent. of the number of churches, and 65 per cent. of the number of schools.

MISSION WORK.

The Lord's blessing still continues to rest upon Sabbath school Mission Work. Last year 1,030 new schools were organized. The total membership of the schools organized and re-organized during the year, was 50,000—two thirds of the Sabbath school membership of the Synod of New Jersey. In these mission schools last year, 3,058 scholars made a confession of Christ, a much larger number than in the former year. 3,503 persons made a confession of Christ in the Synod of New Jersey during the year. In order for us to fully appreciate the meaning of the large ingathering in the schools of the Board during the year, we must remember that behind these schools there were only 80 regularly ordained Sabbath school missionaries, whereas in the Synod of New Jersey there were the pastors of all the churches. Surely, we have reason to be thankful to God for this outpouring of His Spirit. Your Committee doubt whether any money spent by the church during the past year in our own land brought larger returns.

Your Committee following the plan of the organization of the Committees on Synodical Home Missions and Young People's Societies submit a resolution in favor of making this Committee consist of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees of Sabbath-school Work.

The Committee have favorably considered a plan of division of work, followed in other Synods with a view of accomplishing better results. It is proposed to divide the Committee somewhat as follows: 1. Sabbath school and Missionary Department; 2. Home Department; 3. Primary Department; 4 Normal Department.

Your Committee present to Synod the following resolutions:

1. That Synod adopt the following action of the last General Assembly: "That in view of the vast portions of our country destitute of Christian churches or schools, and of the many Presbyteries appealing for Sabbath-school missionaries to labor in these needy fields, we earnestly call upon our churches, Sabbath-schools, Young People's Societies and individual members to give promptly, liberally and universally to this blessed work." And we recommend that this Synod do its share toward raising the $200,000 named by the last General Assembly for this Board.

2. That every Sabbath-school be recommended to observe Children's Day, making a generous offering to the Sabbath-school Missions, and also Rallying Day, combining an effort to gather the Sabbath-school members scattered by the vacation with a systematic effort to bring into the schools the neglected youth of their neighborhoods, and to begin a persistent movement towards the improvement of the school.

3. That in order to further the interests of this department the Committee in the future be composed of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees on Sabbath-school Work.

4. Rejoicing in the high character and success of the Westminster Lesson Helps and the papers provided by this Board, the Synod affectionately requests all its schools to use them in preference to all others.

5. That the attention of Synod be called to the New Hymnal published by this Board and to the language of the General Assembly with reference to it, "the best obtainable manual of praise."

XI.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Our field includes all societies of young people, senior and junior. No discriminations are made against any, nor any contrasts between various parts of the work.

1. METHOD OF OPERATION.

The method of our operation has been closely along the lines of Synod, Presbytery and Session. Our present polity provides for all needful organization and oversight. Our reports show that in those churches where the work is systematically carried on more good is accomplished. The reports of our Presbyterial chairmen show that the results of the Synodical organization of this work are abundant and beneficent.

We remind Synod that our proposals go forth only upon its authority and that our communications with the societies are by way of Session, although duplicate letters have also been sent to the related societies

Each Presbytery has for its representative on the Synodical Committee the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee. We regret to learn that Rev. Robert A. Bryant of Newton, has been obliged to resign on account of ill health. We believe it would be well to add another member to our Committee, whose business it should be to attend to the correlated work of Presbyteries and the commissions of Synod, without also bearing the increasing burden of a Presbyterial Chairman as at present.

By Synod's direction, the Sessions have been asked to appoint one of their number to be the Special Correspondent for this work and have generally done so. It is our earnest wish not to add to pastoral cares, but to lighten them. We deprecate the sending of many appeals to our societies, often without the information of Session and sometimes against their wish. We do not approve of so many requests for statistical information. The whole vexatious complication ought to be changed and made simple. These appeals should be sifted by the sieve of Sessional oversight. Statistical reports should be reduced to just one effort. But that one effort should be our statistical report to Presbytery on Young People's Societies for the year ending April 1st. One report should first be made to Session and then do service for Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly, County and State Unions of Christian Endeavor, Women's Boards, and for all other inquirers who have any right to expect us to reply. We have had this matter continuously in mind, and with the co-operation of pastors and Sessional correspondents, an improvement can be effected.

II.—STATISTICS.

The summary of statistics is based upon the reports of the Boards and upon those of Sessions received through the Presbyterial Chairmen.

There are 254 Christian Endeavor Societies in the Synod numbering 10,070 active members. These gave to Home Missions $1,464; to Foreign Missions, $2,483; to other Boards, $414, or to all our Boards $4,361; to other benevolent objects, $1,991; to local church and self-support, $7,986, or to all purposes, $14,338. This is a gain of $1,078 on last year. The Junior Christian Endeavor Societies number 134, with 3,727 members. These gave to Home Missions $393; to Foreign Missions $468, or to the two Boards, $861, being a total for the Christian Endeavor Societies, senior and junior of $15,199.

Besides this, we report for all our Young People's Societies, senior and junior, numbering 562, with 16,715 active members, of whom 11,478 are communicants. Thirty one societies have some form of training course. All societies gave to Home Missions $4,655; to Foreign Missions $7,771; to other Boards, $1,297, or to our own Boards, $13,723, being $483 less than last year. They gave to other benevolent objects $4,222, and to the local church and self-support, $12,807, being a grand total for all purposes of $30,752, or an increase of over $3,000 on last year.

III.—SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

According to Synod's directions, the Committee asked the societies for a Thanksgiving Offering for Synodical Home Missions, sending the appeal through our Sessions, together with an explanatory letter prepared by the Committee. The societies, we are informed, sent to the Committee on Synodical Home Missions the sum of $485.46, about $140 more than last year. We believe that the time has come when we may expect our young people to take a more earnest part in this important work. Many societies already give largely, being assigned by Session their due proportion of the church's apportionment for this work. But other societies give nothing until they receive our appeal, and the amount we have asked for as the minimum is well within the ability of any of them.

IV.—CHRISTIAN TRAINING COURSE.

Thirty-one societies are reported as following the training course, wholly or in part. Interest in this matter is increasing. We have reports of requests by many Presbyteries, besides resolutions of the Presbyterian church in England Scotland, the Dominion and Australia. The course that originated in our Committee was presented by Rev. John S. MacIntosh, D.D., of the Committee on the

Church at Home and Abroad to General Assembly, which approved it and commended it to our Sessions and societies. Two complete programmes with suggestions are printed every month in the magazine. The course is divided into three departments Biblical Historical and Missionary—in each of which two principles prevail: (1) the use of a cheap but reliable, text-book; (2) elementary treatment of the subject. The second year's work, now in progress covers these subjects: (1) The Character of Christ treated by Robert E. Speer's book, *The Man Christ Jesus;* (2) The Historical Development of the Missionary Idea, by Dr. George Smith's *Short History of Missions;* (3) Modern Missionary Heroes, a series prepared by the Rev. Albert B. Robinson, associate editor of the magazine and printed monthly in the same. The various subjects of Presbyterian doctrine polity and history are included in this course. The headquarters for the literature is the Foreign Missions Library, 156 Fifth avenue, New York, which will furnish circular upon application.

V.—MISSIONARY ENTERPRISES.

These are very interesting and are making good progress. The societies have been grouped together by Presbyteries, and under the direction of the Presbyterial Committee, unite in the support of a missionary assigned them by the Board. We have space for only a brief statement. Elizabeth societies are giving for Rev. George P. Pierson of Otaru, Japan; Jersey City, for Rev. W. J. Drummond, of Nanking, China; Monmouth, for Rev. C. H. Bandy, of Fatehpur, India; Morris and Orange, for Rev. N. E. Clemenson of Logan, Utah, and Rev. A. V. Bryan of Hiroshima Japan; Newark, for Dr. Robert Coltman, Jr., medical missionary in charge of An Ting Hospital, Peking, China; New Brunswick for Rev. C. A. Killie, of Ichowfu, China; Newton and West Jersey, for Rev. J. W. Doughty, of Hiroshima Japan; West Jersey also giving for Rev. Thomas Fragale Italian missionary at Hammonton, N. J. New Brunswick is the only one that has reached the full amount of support, but Monmouth is well on the way, the others about halfway. Monmouth holds an annual young people's convention, with good results. New Brunswick holds district conferences. Letters from the missionaries are duplicated and sent to all the societies. The amounts needed are divided into shares of five and ten dollars, and the societies are asked how many they will take. This specific work, first recommended by the Boards, has deepened missionary interest and largely increased contributions. No effort is made by the Committee to divert moneys from satisfactory objects, and where societies have changed to our objects, it has been with consent of Session and arrangement with the Boards.

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

We call attention of Synod to "The Statement of Relation Between the Individual Society and the Church," ordered by last General Assembly to be sent down to Presbyteries and to be read in all our societies; also, to the appeal, asking for twenty five cents per member in behalf of the Board of Home Missions, sent out from the Presbyterian Rally of Christian Endeavorers, at the Washington Convention. The expense of the Committee for the year's work amounting to $13.41 for necessary printing and postage, has been paid by Synod's Treasurer.

VII.—RESOLUTIONS.

We advise that the following recommendations be adopted by Synod:

1. That our Societies be commended for their Thanksgiving offering for Synodical Home Missions, and be requested to make, if possible, a similar offering this year of at least $3.00.

2. That Synod express to our Societies its pleasure that they have become interested to a larger degree in Foreign Mission work, and its hope that they may be able this year to make larger contributions for the support of their assigned missionaries.

3. That Sessions be urged to confer more carefully with their Societies regarding their beneficence and contributions, and make sure that the needs and work of our own church have the first place in the attention of our young people.

4. That the Committee be enlarged by the addition of one member, and that to that end Standing Rule of Synod No. XI, Sec. 11, on Young People's Societies, be amended by inserting these words, "A Chairman appointed by Synod and."

5. That Synod express its sympathy for the Board of Home Missions in its present emergency, and commend to all our Sessions and Societies the appeal for twenty-five cents per member in behalf of the Board, which was issued by the Presbyterian Rally of Christian Endeavorers at the Washington Convention.

6. That 500 copies of these resolutions be printed by the Stated Clerk for the use of the Committee.

XII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance would respectfully report that, in looking around and abroad, we find much to encourage and cheer. In Europe a strong International Sabbath League has been recently formed, and largely because of its influence the movement in favor of Sunday rest is making decided progress. Already have post-office and railway and other forms of Sunday labor been considerably reduced. True the object in this movement is mainly to secure exemption from labor without any thought of spiritual ends. But its operation plainly paves the way for better things for a Sabbath hallowed and held sacred to the Lord. In Canada we observe a firm determination to preserve the day from the inroads of toil and diversion. In the city of Toronto, for example, with a population of 200,000 souls, Sunday newspapers and running of street cars are unknown. No wonder therefore that churches are many and well filled every Lord's day. In our own land, also, there is evidence of a growing purpose to free the holy time from secular toil. Engineers and others employed on our vast railroad systems are claiming it as a right, given of God that they rest the first day of the week. Also in our cities post-office clerks barbers and many besides, are battling with marked success for release from the hard bondage of laboring the whole week round.

And more: many of our Christian people, young and old are becoming deeply impressed with the necessity of resisting the tide of Sabbath desecration that has been rising of late and are coming to the help of the Lord with resolute mind. Such things have we to bid us thank God and take courage in the struggle for a well-kept Sabbath of rest. But on the other hand, we cannot close our eyes to the fact that very much is there to awaken serious apprehension and to arouse every friend of the Sabbath to do his utmost to save, for God and the soul and our land the sacred day. Perhaps never before in our nation's history has the fourth commandment been so treated with disregard as it is now. Inside the church, as well as outside of it, the numbness of conscience with respect to that law of God is widespread and phenomenal. The evidences are manifold. Among them are the millions of copies of Sunday newspapers sold and read, every one of them an insidious and deadly foe to a truly restful and spiritual Sabbath day. Prominent also, are the great amount of bicycle riding for pleasure, and the trolleys and trains that carry vast companies of people on excursions to the various resorts outside our cities, during the Sundays of summertime at least. Truly we are in peril of having, not the quiet and beneficent Sabbath of our forefathers in America but a foreign

substitute that is foul with satanic influence and destructive of all vital religion and sound morality.

Therefore the call is loud and clear that we as conservators of God's cause as well as of the nation's moral welfare, shall rise to the occasion, shall with our might battle against the foes of the sacred day that God has appointed for rest and the things that pertain to salvation. May we, with our people, awake anew to righteousness anent the Sabbath day.

Your Committee would offer the following recommendations:

1. That we call on our ministers, elders and people to renew their diligence in defense of God's sacred day, so vitally important to religion and morality, and to show such loyalty as will make them foes to the Sunday secular paper, the Sunday bicycle "runs" and "meets," the excursion, and all other ways and means by which God's law in the case is dishonored and set aside.

2. That we rejoice in the prominence given to the cause of Sabbath Observance in the great conventions and other meetings of our Young People's Societies, and we assure them of our cordial sympathy and support in all plans and efforts to make the day what God wishes it to be among us.

3. That we call the attention of our ministers and elders to the recommendation of the General Assembly, setting apart the last Sabbath of October, or other day convenient, for the consideration of our obligations to remember the Sabbath day; requesting that it be a time for special instruction in the home as well as in the church and Sabbath school, in reference to its high and important claims.

4. That the Sabbath Associations of our land, such as the American Sabbath Union and Woman's National Alliance, may well receive our confidence and aid, therefore we recommend them to the cordial concern and care of all our churches.

XIII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

It is difficult to state definitely the condition of the temperance cause in New Jersey. Statistics would be misleading. A decrease in the number of licensed saloons may only mean a relaxation of vigilance and an increase of unlicensed drinking places. The number of arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct may be still more misleading. In some places drunk and disorderly persons are promptly arrested. In others, such persons are seldom arrested, except at the demand of a private citizen who has suffered personal injury or is seeking to revenge a private quarrel. A reform administration, strictly enforcing the law, bringing about a great increase of arrests, might seem, therefore, to be associated with an increase of crime.

There are commercial influences that tend strongly in favor of sobriety and total abstinence. The marked increase in the use of machinery safety in the use of which demands perfect sobriety on the part of the operator; the widespread use of electricity, for the lighting of streets, for driving machinery, for motive power in public conveyances, requiring clear head and steady nerve in a great army of employes; the bicycle, which cannot be made to carry a drunken man; all these are valuable aids to our cause.

The great influence which the saloon is believed to exert in politics is another evidence of awakened public conscience. Vested interests do not go to the expense and trouble of seeking political protection until they are in danger. The saloon appreciates its danger. We recognize, with regret, the bitter dissensions that exist among the friends of the temperance cause. There are men who believe that only through the Prohibition party can any good be accomplished, and it is almost a part of their religion to vote everywhere and always that party ticket. These men have a right to their opinion. On the other hand there are equally earnest temperance men, equally intense in their desire for the abolition of the trade in intoxicating liquor as a beverage, who believe that the Prohibition party is the most serious obstacle with which the temperance cause has to contend.

Harsh denunciation on the one side or the other cannot be too strongly condemned as unworthy of intelligent men and inconsistent with the spirit of Christ.

In the present legal system of dealing with the liquor evil, your Committee recognizes the following among other defects, and emphasizes them, not because they have more moral weight than the rest, but because it seems that they may be more readily remedied:

First. It seems to be no one's business to enforce law. The pri-

vate citizen hesitates to assume the duties of detective and prosecutor. The law should be so shaped that some public official should be held responsible under heavy penalties for its enforcement.

Second. Drunkenness, although associated with the severest penalties in life and in the word of God, is hardly treated as a crime by the civil law. The law should provide severe punishment for the first offence and that punishment should increase in severity with the repetition of the crime. The habitual drunkard should be removed from society as an incompetent a nuisance and a danger, and compelled to earn his living in the asylum or the prison. If considerable expense is involved in the enforcement of liquor laws, that expense should be met by an assessment upon property used for the liquor business.

Your Committee recognize in the association of the bar-room with the inn or hotel a serious danger to the traveling public and the compelling of those who must find lodging or meals at these places to come under the temptation, submit to the nuisance, and to some extent countenance the evil of the bar room. They therefore believe that justice personal liberty and public morals demand the entire separation of that form of the saloon known as the bar-room from houses licensed to entertain the traveling public.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Synod would remind the officers and members of all our churches that there should be the broadest charity toward one another among those who differ as to the remedies for the giant evil of intemperance.

2. That we recommend all Christian voters, laying aside party prejudice, to support the men who are most favorable to the cause of morality and temperance.

3. That we call special attention to the election of sheriffs. The office, being entirely unrelated to legislation, should be kept free from party politics, and men should be placed in the office who can be trusted to be faithful in the execution of law.

4. That in our opinion the laws of the State should be so amended as to provide a progressive penalty for drunkenness, a penalty increasing with each repetition of the offense.

5. That the association, under the license system, of the bar-room saloon business with the inn for the accommodation of the traveling public is an infringement of the rights of those who disapprove of the liquor business.

6. That we approve the principle of the local veto, and hold that every town and county should be granted the right to exclude, by the vote of the majority of the citizens, the liquor business.

7. That we call attention to the action of the General Assembly in recommending the observance of the third Sabbath in November

as a temperance Sabbath, and in recommending the organization of Presbyterian Woman's Temperance Associations in our churches and Presbyteries, and the appointment of Committees of Session on Temperance.

8. That the Committee on Temperance be instructed to bring so much of the above resolutions as call for legislation to the attention of the next Legislature, through the Anti-Liquor League or in such other way as may seem expedient.

9. That we express our sympathy with the various Christian Women's Temperance organizations in our State, as they seek by all careful and scriptural means to battle against the evil of intemperance, and regard them as most helpful allies in this great work.

XIV.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

A year ago we stood our family of nine Boards in a group before you, and told you of their condition. Five of them, as well favored and as well-deserving as any of the rest, stood in your presence enfeebled and crippled, hungry and ill-clad. It is a painful duty to beg your interested attention once more to the same unfortunate five whose destitution is aggravated by its persistent continuance. Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Ministerial Relief and Missions for Freedmen are humiliated and handicapped in all their activities by a debt of almost $400,000.

Home Missions,	$299,062 42
Foreign Missions,	46,215 16
Education,	16,675 00
Ministerial Relief,	9,673 26
Freedmen,	26,122 63
Total debt,	$397,748 47

The Synod of New Jersey is not responsible for all of this deficiency, nor for its complete removal. But it shares the responsibility of the whole church. Last year we were credited with 335 churches and a membership of 66,355.

This year we number 33 churches and 67,075 members, a loss of five churches and a gain of only 720 communicants, a net gain of less than 2¼ for each church.

Including the General Assembly and Anniversary Reunion Fund columns our churches contributed during the year $1,298,840, an average of $19.38 per member. This shows the creditable increase over last year of $67,624.

The table below shows an aggregate loss in our offerings this year, to the causes represented by the Boards of $14,332. In our miscellaneous gifts, there is a loss of $5,007, which makes a decrease in our ordinary benevolence of $19,339. But when we offset this with our contribution to the Anniversary Reunion Fund, $30,382, we may credit the Synod with a benevolent gain of $11,043. Our congregational expenses were $56,426 in advance of last year, which places our total contributions $67,624 above the amount given last year.

	1895.	1896.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions,	$106,455	$101,880	$4,575	. . .
Foreign Missions,	89,049	90,562	. . .	$1,513
Education	13,488	16,861	. . .	3,373
Sabbath School Work,	12,537	10,726	1,811	. . .
Church Erection,	25,524	13,669	11,855	. . .
Ministerial Relief,	10,302	9,990	312	. . .
Freedmen,	10,040	9,332	708	. . .
Synodical Home Missions,	14,753	15,069	. . .	316
Aid for Colleges,	7,711	7,438	273	. . .
	$289,859	$275,527	$14,332	. . .
Miscellaneous,	48,498	43,491	5,007	. . .
Anniversary Reunion Fund,	. . .	30,382	. . .	$30,382
Total benevolence	$338,357	$349,400	. . .	$11,043
Congregational	886,007	942,433	. . .	56,426
General Assembly,	6,852	7,007	. . .	155
Total contributions,	$1,231,216	$1,298,840	. . .	$67,624

New Jersey again stands third in the sisterhood of Synods as to total benevolent contributions:

New York	$643,324
Pennsylvania,	603,370
New Jersey,	275,527
Illinois,	195,729
Ohio,	172,867
Baltimore,	102,673

As to *per capita* gifts, Baltimore has gone from the fourth place last year to the first this year, while New Jersey has gone from third to second place. Oregon has changed places with Baltimore, and gone from first to fourth place.

Baltimore,	$4 28 per member.
New Jersey,	4 10 " "
New York,	3 63 " "
Oregon,	3 06 " "
Illinois,	3 00 " "
Pennsylvania,	2 99 " "

The following table shows what part of our contributions reached the treasuries of our Boards as compared with last year:

	1895.	1896.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions,	$48,297	$47,073	$1,224	. .
Foreign Missions,	80,897	74,826	6,071	. .
Education,	4,753	5,050	. . .	$297
Sabbath-school Work,	7,802	7,517	285	. .
Church Erection	5,342	5,022	320	. .
Ministerial Relief,	8,952	8,986	. . .	34
Freedmen,	6,627	6,434	193	. .
Aid for Colleges,	3,165	3,028	137	. .
	$165,835	$157,936	$7,899	. .
Synodical Home Missions,	14,753	15,069	. . .	316
	$180,588	$173 005	$7,583	. .

Last year a corresponding schedule showed a gain of $6,222, of which about $6,000 went to the Mission Boards. This year we come short $7,583, of which over $7,000 is a loss to the Mission Boards. For the fiscal year ending October 1st, our contribution to Synodical Home Missions is $15,157, a loss of $1,256 as compared with last year, and $1,593 short of the amount which the Committee asked Synod to raise. An item which does not appear elsewhere in the report is $2,827 contributed to the American Bible Society, which increases our total benevolence to $352,227. Of this amount, the foregoing schedule shows that $173,005 reached the treasuries of our benevolent church agencies. In this estimate we omit the Anniversary Fund contribution, and it appears that (practically the same as last year) only 53 7-10 per cent. of all our benevolent offerings are directly available for the support of our own Boards.

The Committee made diligent effort during the year to secure a contribution to every Board from every church. The following table shows how far the effort was successful:

(Blanks against chapels not counted.)

Presbyteries.	Churches.	Fill Every Column.	Blanks 1895.	Blanks 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.
Corisco,	10	5	46	45	. .	1
Elizabeth,	36	27	32	25	. .	7
Jersey City,	32	14	75	84	9	. .
Monmouth,	49	49	. .	. .	. .	. .
Morris and Orange,	48	32	36	55	19	. .
Newark,	35	22	46	57	11	. .
New Brunswick,	34	34	. .	. .	. .	. .
Newton,	35	25	57	38	. .	19
West Jersey,	51	27	85	132	47	. .
	330	235	377	436	59	. .

For the two previous years we made progress in the work of reducing the number of blanks, but this year we show 436, an increase over last year of 59. But of the churches that have filled every column we have ten more than last year, and nearly one-half of all the blanks are against churches either vacant or with stated supplies, and many of them are very small, having, perhaps, a nominal existence. A fact that prompts inquiry is that some large, able churches give hundreds, and even thousands, of dollars to some Boards and refuse or neglect to give anything to others. Monmouth comes up again with every column filled! And New Brunswick has maintained her time-honored reputation by a like diligence. These with Westminster, are the only Presbyteries in the church of which this record can be made this year. Butler, one of the quartette last year, lost her place this year, through the delinquency of one small, vacant church.

The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Corisco writes: "My regret is very great that I could not induce Presbytery to make the contribution columns full. I will not cease to make effort to induce the brethren so that I may be able to send a clean report next year."

In the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence to the last Assembly, it is revealed that of all the money contributed to our Boards for two or three years past, less than one-third has gone through the Sabbath church offerings; that there is 'a steady tendency to lessen the aggregate amount" thus contributed and also a gradual diminution of the *per capita* church offering. While this is clearly set forth perhaps, for the first time, yet the cause for it is easily manifest. The large proportions to which the work of our ladies' societies has grown, and the increased demand for aid, especially by one of them, for a few years past overwhelmed with debt, naturally and necessarily withdraw money from the church offerings which otherwise would and formerly did, go through that channel. The same is true only in a much less measure, by reason of the establishment of the young people's department of benevolence. And just in proportion as this divisive and disintegrating process is extended will the church offerings be diminished. And now the Assembly's Committee propose an effort to enlarge the ordinary Sabbath-day offerings of the church. The problem has its difficulties, and yet some of its elements should be readily understood. The masses of our church people are grouped in families, and the great majority of our families are in very moderate circumstances. The amount of money at command is not large, and if out of it a benevolent contribution must first be made to the Women's Foreign Mission Society and Home Mission Society, the Foreign Mission Band the Home Mission Band the Young People's Society, the Junior Society and the Sabbath school, it ought to be plain to anyone that an accurate knowledge of at least short division is needful if there is to be a remainder of one-third the whole

family allowance for the church collection. The situation being what it is, your Committee sees nothing better to do than to ask Presbyteries and Sessions to make a conscientious study of the Assembly Committee's plan (G. A. Min., '96, pp. 333–335), and adopt it, so far as it may be found practical, in their benevolent work. Newark Presbytery has already adopted it. This Committee a year ago entered a plea for the arrest of what seemed to it the evil of parceling out the work of our church benevolence to special departments, and asked the Synod to give its counsel in favor of the members of our young people's societies making their benevolent offerings through the systematic methods adopted in their respective churches, as a part of the obligation of their church membership.

The Synod, in its wisdom, ignored our plea. It unanimously urged "every Presbytery to a hearty diligence, * * * that in their next statistical reports every column may be filled" (Min. '95, p. 13). But the next day it recommended, concerning 10,000 of our church members, "that while we do not wish to exclude any other Boards, yet we think it exceedingly important that our societies fix their attention, at present, upon the objects named above," viz., Home and Foreign Missions (Min. '95, p. 21).

The causes on which the members of the societies are emphatically counseled to "fix their attention" are the causes which will receive their benefactions, and to them the other Boards become correspondingly unimportant. Accepting the inevitable and recognizing the Young People's Department of Benevolence as established, this Committee dares humbly to suggest that it would be a great gain to the movement if all our societies might become equally intelligent concerning the work and relative importance of all our Boards, and if each society could be induced, through conference with the Session, to see that the church to which it belongs makes an offering to every Board. Are we mistaken, or do we see in this suggestion a vision of our ambition's triumph - solid columns throughout the Synod?

The Christian Endeavor movement has for some years been magnifying evangelistic effort. To whom might the appeals for aid in obtaining their education, from the thousand young men under the care of our Board of Education, one hundred of whom are in our own Synod be more properly made than to young men and women of their own age, fellow-members in our societies?

Another prominent watchword of Christian Endeavor has been, and is, Christian Citizenship. We would like to ask our Christian Endeavor host to "fix their attention" on our Board of Missions for Freedmen, whose double purpose is the evangelization and the Christian citizenship of those millions of our own countrymen in one section of our republic who "never saw the inside of a schoolhouse," whose women and children "can neither read nor write."

("The Church," August, 1896, page 102.) The combined debt of these two Boards at the end of the year was over $42,000.

While we easily discern a possible peril to the peace and order of the church in the Presbyterian 'Rallies" at the State and International Christian Endeavor Conventions, we admire the wisdom and loyality of the Rally at the Washington Convention, in July, prompting it to say: "We would urge upon each of the Presbyterian Societies of Christian Endeavor the needs of all the Boards of our church and bespeak for them systematic contributions from each society. All the Boards of our church have just claims to our loyal support."

The Committee offer the following recommendations:

1. First of all, we would entreat our pastors, stated supplies and moderators of the Sessions of vacant churches to keep themselves informed as to the work and financial need of each of our Boards, and in no case let anything prevent any Board from receiving a church collection, but, on the other hand, prompted by a generous loyalty to the whole scheme of beneficent work undertaken by the church, use every proper effort and influence to secure from their congregations as large an offering as possible for the treasury of each Board.

2. We would persuade our ruling elders earnestly to study and understand our benevolent operations as conducted by the various Boards, and to rule in the churches over which God has made them overseers, for the promotion of Christ's kingdom through these instrumentalities, giving aid and encouragement to the minister in his efforts to induce the congregation to do its utmost in these days of trying need, and in vacant churches to feel that the burden of responsibility rests on their shoulders, and go forward in the work with a zeal born of knowledge and faith, guiding the people and being unto the flock ensamples of intelligent, systematic and warm-hearted liberality.

3 We would call the attention of all our members to the fact that, in the church at large, our benevolent work has been specialized until our special gifts and legacies are more than double our regular church offerings; that while these offerings are being thus minimized, the honor and influence of the church, the Lord's house, is in peril of being underestimated; that while we recognize and rejoice in the excellent and blessed work done by our woman's societies, and all that is attempted by our young people's societies, we still feel that the regular obligation and form of the church's benevolent work should not be made to appear subordinate to the special agencies adopted as aids to the church. Hence, we very kindly counsel our members that the larger part of their benevolent gifts ought to be made through the Sabbath church offerings, and that every member, out of love and loyalty to

his Father's house, should thus acknowledge the claims, and, according to his ability, contribute to the support of every Board.

4. We view with sorrow and deep concern the grievous debt which rests on several of our Boards, and especially that of Home Missions, whereby privation and sore hardship have overtaken many of our brethren, through the Board's inability to pay them their allowance now long overdue. While grateful to God that He has enabled us to increase our benevolent gifts $11,000, and our total contribution for church work more than $67,000 over last year, yet, because of the great need, and out of love for our Master and our brethren, we pledge each other to a faithful diligence, if so be we may, next year, make a record far in advance of the past.

5. We beg ministers and elders to review their methods in this form of the Lord's work, and, if need be, revise them. We commend to the consideration of Sessions and Presbyteries the plan of apportionment approved by the last Assembly (see Min., pp. 333–335), and as knowledge is largely the basis of success along benevolent lines, we urge ministers and Sessions to do their best to induce the people to subscribe for and read "The Church at Home and Abroad" and "The Assembly Herald," that they may know what the work is and how blessed the joy of participation therein.

XV.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK AMONG FOREIGN POPULATIONS.

Your Committee on Work in Foreign Populations would report a growing interest among the churches of Synod in trying to reach the peoples who come among us from foreign lands, and who as yet are strangers to our language and religious faith and customs. Naturally, the chief work is among the German-speaking people, since they constitute the larger part of the population within the province of this Committee. Although, in reality no longer foreigners, the gospel must be brought to them in their mother-tongue. All our German churches report a fair degree of prosperity and progress.

The *Presbytery of Elizabeth* has under its care 3 German churches, with a total of 295 members, 35 of whom were added since our last report. Sabbath-school membership, 457. Presbytery's Committee on Church Extension is carefully considering certain other points with a view to beginning further work among the Germans.

Jersey City Presbytery reports 3 German churches. Number of communicants, 364; 58 added on confession of faith; Sabbath-school membership, 1,028. The latter fact, showing a notable increase upon last year's report, is full of promise. From 60 to 80 Hungarians worship once a month in the Passaic German church. These Hungarians belong to the ancient Reformed church of Hungary, and are Calvinistic in creed. The Dundee church of Passaic is used bi-weekly by an independent religious organization composed of Slavs. The First Church of Jersey City has under its care a school for Chinamen, numbering about thirty. Twelve have united with the church.

Presbytery of Monmouth reports 2 German churches with 68 communicants and 224 Sabbath-school members. The church at Sayreville is busily engaged in building a new house of worship and a parsonage. The church at South River has just called its first pastor.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange has 4 German churches, with 415 communicants 38 added on examination. Sabbath-school membership, 436. Very successful work is also being done by some of the churches of this Presbytery among the Italians, notably in Orange, Madison and Morristown.

Presbytery of Newark reports 4 German churches, a fifth having been organized last spring. Number of communicants, 792; added on examination, 57; Sabbath-school membership, 1,639. This Presbytery also has a church among the Italians, with a membership of 98. Fifteen were added on examination last year. Sabbath school membership, 90. A church building has been erected through the

efforts of two Christian ladies and the generous foresight of Presbytery's Church Extension Committee. Presbytery's Committee is also maintaining three other meetings for the Italians in different sections of Newark with gratifying results.

Presbytery of West Jersey reports 2 German churches with 106 communicants and 186 Sabbath-school members; also, a church among the Italians, with 22 communicants and Sabbath school membership of 47. Rev. Thomas Fragale is its pastor. Doubtless in other parts of the Synod efforts are made by individual churches or through undenominational organizations to reach the foreign population, of which, however, your Committee has no definite knowledge.

From this hasty outline it will be seen that our churches are commendably awake to the responsibility which God, in His providence, has laid upon us in sending to our very doors peoples who not only need the pure gospel, but also that it be brought to them in their own language, and by a sympathetic and self denying ministry. But much still remains to be done, and your Committee would earnestly urge upon our Presbyteries and churches renewed attention to, and still deeper interest in, this work of bringing the gospel to the various foreign peoples, who are so rapidly making their homes in our State.

"The stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself, for ye were strangers in the land; I am the Lord your God."

XVI.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS AND VACANT CHURCHES.

Little, if any, change, of a practical nature, characterizes the situation respecting the relations between the vacant churches and the unemployed ministers As has been frequently remarked in these reports, the difficulties in the way of a successful administration of our Presbyterial law in this matter are a part of a general drift which has been going on for years, seriously affecting other departments of our church polity.

The Presbyterian system is a unit, which finds its significance largely in the episcopal powers of the Presbytery. As is well known, except in judicial cases, this power has come to be largely a formality. As a consequence, there is a growing effort to bring the vacant church and the unemployed minister together by special agencies, the most conspicuous of which are known as "Bureaus."

That this idea in some form was regarded as feasible by many, is evident from the large vote for the recent overture involving this subject, when before the Presbyteries. It is doubtful, however, if any large success will attend the effort, chiefly for these reasons:

(1.) From the necessary expenses involved.

(2.) From the disposition on the part of the churches to act quietly and independently in seeking a pastor.

(3.) From the liability to dissatisfaction on the part of the minister, because of recommendations by those having charge of the Bureau.

(4.) Because the great majority of the unemployed do not constitute the source from which the majority of the churches seek their supply.

(5.) Because the traditions of the "Bureau of Ministerial Supply and Demand" are almost wholly a record of failures.

A proposition has also been made to recast the Form of Government, Chapters XV, XVI and XVII, so as to provide for the appointment of "Locating Commissioners," with powers similar to those of the presiding elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

It has been thought that to change somewhat the character and work of the Committee on Vacant Churches and Unemployed Ministers, might in some degree help the matter In order to this, it is proposed that the Committee be constituted so as to include the Chairman of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions, where such exists; otherwise, the chairman of the committee that has to do with the care of the weak churches; the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery and a Ruling Elder. That the Committee should be accessible for fraternal counsel and advice to any Christian brother of any of the churches of the Presbytery.

Doubtless progress is being made in the education of the church in this important part of her work, and we hope the day is not far distant when the evils that have been connected with this question of ministerial supply and demand will all have disappeared.

The usual statistical table of the ministers and churches is here with appended.

MINISTERS.

	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Foreign Missionaries.	Chapel Missionaries.	Pastors and Stated Supplies.	Secretaries.	P. M.	Evangelists.	Presidents.	Without Charge.	Professors	Pastors Emeritus	Honorably Retired.	Pastors Elect.	Librarian.	Editor.	Superintendent.	Total.
Elizabeth,	29	. .	1	2	1	1	.	.	.	8	2	1	2	.	.	.	.	47
Jersey City,	26	2	3	2	. .	.	.	1	.	8	1	.	3	.	.	.	.	46
Monmouth,	35	1	1	1	. .	1	1	1	.	2	3	.	2	.	.	.	.	48
Morris and Orange,	34	6	2	1	. .	1	.	3	.	9	1	2	3	.	.	1	.	65
Newark,	29	3	4	2	. .	.	.	.	2	10	4	.	3	1	.	.	1	59
New Brunswick,	26	. .	3	1	1	.	.	4	3	6	15	2	2	.	1	.	.	64
Newton,	26	3	1	. .	. .	1	.	.	.	6	. .	.	2	1	.	.	.	40
West Jersey,	32	5	1	. .	2	.	1	4	.	7	2	.	. .	.	.	.	.	54
	237	20	16	9	4	4	2	13	5	56	28	5	17	2	1	1	1	411

CHURCHES.

	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Chapel Missions.	Pastors Elect.	Vacant.	Total.
Elizabeth,	30	3	00	. . . .	. . . .	33
Jersey City,	26	4		. . . .	2	40
Monmouth,	38	5	. . . .	. . . .	6	49
Morris and Orange,	35	7	1	. . . .	3	46
Newark,	29	3	2	1	2	37
New Brunswick,	29	1	1	. . . .	4	35
Newton,	28	3	. . . .	1	3	35
West Jersey,	33	15	. . . .	. . . .	3	51
	248	41	15	2	23	329

XVII.—REPORT OF THE CUSTODIANS OF HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

The Custodians of Historical Material respectfully report to the Synod of New Jersey that the following material has been deposited on the Synod's shelves during the past year :

From the Rev. Allen H. Brown :

Bound Volumes

One hundred and fiftieth anniversary of First Church of Orange ; Sermon and Historical Discourses by Rev. Eldridge Mix, D.D., Rev. E. H. Gillett, D.D., and Dr. Stephen Wickes, 1869.

One hundredth anniversary of Laying of Corner Stone of First Church, Bridgeton, Historical Addresses, 1893.

Notes, Biographical and Historical, concerning Elizabethtown, Rev. Nicholas Murray, D.D., 1844.

Brick Church Memorial (New York), 1861.

Pastor of Old Stone Church, Rev. Ethan Osborn, 1858.

Presbyterian Memorial Offering, 1870-1871.

Fiftieth anniversary, Presbytery of Newton, 1868, Historical Discourse by Rev. D. X. Junkin, D.D.

Presbyterian Church of Toms River, Rev. C. T. Edwards, 1885.

Histories, Manuals, Sermons, &c.—

Second Church, Trenton, in "The Presbytery," 1889.

Second Church, Elizabeth, in the "Helping Hand," 1887.

Greenwich Church, Cumberland County, by Enoch Fithian, M.D., 1871.

Fithian Centennial, 1892.

Handbook, First Church, Bridgeton, 1892.

History of Second Church, Orange.

Presbyterian Church of Millville, by Elder Edward W. Maylin, 1876.

Historical Manual, Rockaway Church, Rev. D. E. Platter, 1880.

First Minister of Orange, 1718, by Stephen Wickes, M.D., 1888.

Decennial Sermon before Presbytery of Morris and Orange, by Rev. David Irving D.D., 1881.

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History of First Church, Bloomsbury, Rev. John C. Clyde, 1884.
Centennial Anniversary, Sparta, 1886.

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Annual Statement, Second Church, Elizabeth, 1896.
Semi-Centennial of the Greystone Church, Elizabeth, 1896, Rev. George Buckle.

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Quarter Century of the Presbytery of Jersey City, 1896.

From the Rev. David O. Irving:
Bethel Church, East Orange, 1895.
Ten Years' Review, Bethel Church, East Orange, Rev. David O. Irving, 1892.

From the Rev. John B. Kugler:
Beginnings of Frenchtown Church, Rev. John B. Kugler, 1896.

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Centennial Anniversary, Hackettstown, 1886.

From the Rev. Lewis W. Mudge, D.D.:
History of Stony Brook Chapel, Princeton, 1896.

From the Rev. John E. Peters, Sc.D.:
Trial of Rev. David Barclay by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, etc., by Jacob Kerr, 1827.

From the Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D.:
Minutes of the Standing Committee, Presbytery of New York, on educating young men for the ministry, beginning 1805.

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Historical Memorial, Church of Succasunna, 1765–1895.

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History Presbyterian Church of Madison, by Rev. Samuel L. Tuttle 1855.

Twenty-first Anniversary Sermon, Madison, Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., 1890.

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History of the Presbyterian Church of Ewing, July 2d, 1876; typewritten copy.

From the Rev. C. Rudolph Kuebler:

Silver Anniversary of the First Church, Hackensack.

From the Rev. Heber H. Beadle:

File of Minutes of the Synod.

WALTER A. BROOKS,
JOSEPH H. DULLES,
Custodians.

XVIII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMMEMORATION OF EARLY HISTORICAL ECCLESIASTICAL EVENTS IN NEW JERSEY.

Again the efforts of your Historical Committee and of your Custodians have been successful in securing very valuable additions to your archives.

After the Boyd-Tennent celebration of June 4th, 1895, and subsequent to the last meeting of Synod, your Committee learned officially only by examination of the printed minutes that important action in regard to that celebration had been taken by three ecclesiastical bodies.

The particular Synod of New Brunswick (see Minutes, 1895, pp. 6 and 53,) appointed to attend the celebration at the Old Scots Burial Ground (June 4th next) Revs. Alan D. Campbell Henry Ward, W. H. De Hart, J. B. Thompson, D.D., I. P. Brokaw C. W. Van Zee, David Waters, D.D , and Elders Arthur Ward, M.D., Valentine P. Buck. Some of these delegates participated in the celebration.

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, meeting in Meridian, Miss., in May, 1895, spread on its minutes the invitation, but further action does not appear. (See Min., page 15.)

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States meeting in Dallas, Texas, in May, 1895 (see Minutes 1895, pp. 385 and 388–389), spread in full upon its minutes the invitation of your Synodical Committee with a gratifying response. The invitation and response are herewith given :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report on the communication relating to the commemoration of the founding of the Presbyterian Church in America, which report was adopted, and is as follows :

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, meeting in Dallas, Texas :

DEAR BRETHREN—As we trace the history of the organized Presbyterian Church in this country back to its earliest printed or written records, we can go no farther back by the record than to a meeting of a Presbytery on Freehill, in Monmouth county, New Jersey, where Makemie and Andrews and Hampton, in 1706, united in the first regular ordination of a Presbyterian minister, viz., the Rev. John Boyd.

The Synod of New Jersey, at its last meeting, resolved to commemorate that event and its locality, where stood the old Scots meeting-house of 1692, as well as in another place its successor, the Tennent Church of 1730, by a convocation, with appropriate exercises at both places, on Tuesday, the fourth day of next June.

The Committee of Arrangements, desirous that all branches of the Presbyterian family proceeding from the same stock may enjoy this home-coming, invite the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to participate in the commemoration. Have we not all one ecclesiastical mother?

If any of the officers or members of your Assembly shall be able to meet with us on the above-mentioned day, and will make themselves known as your representatives, the Committee of Arrangements will be most happy to give them honorable recognition.

Allow us to refer you, for additional information, to the enclosed prospectus and to the "Church at Home and Abroad," for May, pages 376 to 379, of which a copy is herewith sent by mail to your Stated Clerk.

We subscribe ourselves most cordially and fraternally yours, on behalf of the Committee of Arrangements,

ALLEN H. BROWN,
Chairman, Camden, N. J.
HENRY GOODWIN SMITH,
Secretary, Freehold N. J.

May 11th, 1895.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully reports as follows on the above communication:

Your Committee recommends that this Assembly declares its great interest in all matters touching the founding and early struggles of the Presbyterian church in our country; returns its hearty thanks to the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Synod for its invitation to us to participate in these memorial services, and hereby appoints Ministers W. U. Murkland D.D., Moses D. Hoge, D.D., Rev. Parke P. Flournoy, Ruling Elder T. B. Gresham, Esq., and Ruling Elder William Wirt Henry, Esq., to attend and represent us, at their own expense, in this celebration, called the Monmouth Pilgrimage.

J. A. LEFEVRE,
Chairman.

Your Committee exceedingly regret that they did not receive earlier information so as to have secured the presence of the distinguished gentlemen who were appointed, and to make at an earlier date recognition of the fact of their appointment.

On behalf of your Joint Committee, we further report that a meeting of the said Committee to commemorate early historica

events was held at Newark, on Monday, December 2d, 1895. At that time three sub-committees were appointed, viz., one on the Site or Title to the Scots Burial Ground, another on Finance and the third on a Design for the Monument. Of these three co-ordinate items, it is not easy to decide which is the most important. If a memorial is to be erected, it is essential to ask: 1st. Where shall it be? 2d. What shall it be? And 3d. How shall the means be secured for its erection?

Difficulty and delay have been caused by a question as to the title of the old Scots ground, which was conveyed in 1727 to six men and claimed by the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold, by deed, in 1816.

The Committee on Designs met in Elizabeth, on Monday, April 6th; examined twelve designs and commended three of them to the Joint Committee, who held a second meeting at Newark, on Tuesday, July 7th, and re-committed the decision on design to an enlarged Committee, with power.

This Committee met at Elizabeth on October 12th, and approved the design, which was submitted by J. & R. Lamb, of New York.

Your Committee report progress, and ask to be continued under the same resolution as last year, viz:

Resolved, That the Joint Committee be continued to solicit funds for the publication of the proceedings of the late commemoration, and for the due preservation of the ancient grave stones of John Boyd and of John Tennent, and for the erection of a suitable memorial or monument on the site of the Old Scots Meeting House, where the first Presbytery ordained John Boyd, and that the said Committee have discretionary power to execute these objects, provided that they see the way entirely clear financially.

ALLEN H. BROWN,
DAVID R. FRAZER,
JOHN C. CLYDE,
EBEN B. COBB,
HENRY C. CAMERON,
CHARLES HERR,
JAMES STEEN,
GEORGE SWAIN,
FRANK R. SYMMES,
HENRY G. SMITH,
R. PERRINE CRAIG,
ANDREW PERRINE,
STANLEY WHITE,
E. P. TENNEY,
GEORGE BAKER,
E. C. HALL, M.D.,
JEREMIAH BAKER,
CYRUS PECK,
FRANKLIN DYE,
J. C. JOHNSTON, M.D.,
HENRY D. MOORE,
Joint Committee.

XIX.—REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Your Trustees herewith report mainly in regard to the two items, which were brought to your attention in the last annual report:

First. The well-intended plan to provide a manse for the Brainerd Church at Elwood has failed, because the officers and members of that church did not see their way clear to meet the required conditions. Consequently the investment of the Wurts Fund of $525, and the disposal of the interest of the same, continue as in previous years without change, as will more fully appear in the report of the Treasurer.

Second. The effort to conserve the manse of New Gretna and to liquidate the debt upon it by the grant of $350, subject to the usual conditions, has been successful and has been accomplished, not without persevering and painstaking effort. Your Trustees have followed the wise example of the Board of Church Erection in searching to secure good title to ecclesiastical property.

The seven Trustees who were named in the original deed of the Bass River, now New Gretna Church having all died and the present Board of Trustees having become incorporated and assumed the new name your legal counselor Elwood C. Harris, Esq. of Newark advised the execution of a new deed by the heirs of the original grantor to the present corporate body, in order to obtain a valid title and at the same time, remove a reversionary clause which was in the original deed

Accordingly, the said new deed has been executed and signed by twenty-two heirs—with nine distinct acknowledgments and in three different States. This brief statement conveys a very inadequate idea of the labor involved in this one case; but your Trustees will gladly renew their labors to secure a manse for another missionary church, if the requisite funds shall be placed at their disposal.

The missionary church of New Gretna now possesses a comfortable manse, free of debt by the united efforts of the congregation, Presbytery and Synod. The usual mortgage, without interest, is herewith presented for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT AIKMAN,
ALFRED H. DASHIELL,
ABRAHAM GOSMAN,
WILLIAM THOMSON,
HUGH SMYTHE,
CHARLES D. SHAW,
ALLEN H. BROWN,
JOSEPH ALWARD,
ELWOOD C. HARRIS.

XX.—REPORT OF ALLEN H. BROWN, TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

FROM OCTOBER 16TH, 1895, TO OCTOBER 17TH, 1896.

DR.

1895.		
Oct. 16.	To balance on hand,	$367 66
1896.		
Jan. 1.	To accrued interest in Trust Company,	10 27
Mar. 10.	To E. C. Harris, interest on Kane mortgage,	31 25
Sept. 10.	To E. C. Harris, interest on Kane mortgage,	31 25
		$440 43

CR.

1896.		
March 12th and September 16th.	By payments to Forked River Church,	$36 25
March 12th and September 16th.	By payments to Brainerd Church's pastor,	26 25
Sept. 10.	By payment to the Manse of New Gretna,	350 00
Oct. 12.	By balance,	27 93
		$440 43
1896.		
Oct. 12.	By balance in Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Co.	$27 93

ATLANTIC CITY, October 28th, 1896.

We have examined the above account and compared the vouchers with the payments and find them correct.

W. B. STEVENSON,
C. K. LIPPINCOTT,
J. B. CLARK,
Finance Committee.

XXI.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

EBEN B. COBB, *Treasurer, in Account with the Synod of New Jersey.*

DR.

To balance from previous account,	$604 45	
To apportionments from eight Presbyteries,	430 00	
To advertising,	25 00	
		$1,059 45

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By janitor's bill, New Brunswick,	$10 00	
By salaries for year ending October 1st, 1896,	160 00	
By expenses of officers of Synod,	9 70	
By expenses of Trustees,	4 80	
By expenses of Committee on Young People, for 1895 and 1896,	31 06	
By printing,	247 84	
By binding Minutes,	2 50	
By envelopes,	2 54	
By balance on hand,	591 01	
		$1,059 45

EBEN B. COBB,
Treasurer.

ELIZABETH, N. J., October 1st, 1896.

XXII.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

I.—THE PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO consists of fifteen ministers and ten churches, and has under its care three licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received on certificate—

December 6, 1895, Rev. Frank D. P. Hickman, from the Presbytery of Platte.

December 6, 1895, Rev. Charles W. McCleary, from the Presbytery of Iowa City.

December 6, 1895, Rev. William C. Johnston, from the Presbytery of Pittsburg.

Licensure—

December 17, 1895, Eduma, for one year.

Candidates received—

December 17, 1895, four candidates.

Minister dismissed—

December 17, 1895, Rev. Robert H. Milligan to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Died—

October 24, 1895, Rev. Herman L. Jacot.

ROBERT HAMILL NASSAU,
Stated Clerk.

II —THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH consists of forty-seven ministers and thirty three churches and has under its care one licentiate, one local evangelist and six candidates.

Minister received—

April 21, 1896, Rev. Henry V. Voorhees, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Minister dismissed—

April 22, 1896, Rev. Wm. A. Alexander, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Ordained—

October 22, 1895, James Boddy, *sine titulo.*

Installed—

February 6, 1896, Rev. Jacob A. Frey, as pastor of the German church at Maurer.

Licensed—

April 22, 1896, Ernest F. Körlin.

License renewed—

April 22, 1896, Wm. B. Hamilton, for one year, as local evangelist.

Candidate taken under care—
April 22, 1896, Victor Herbert Lukens.

Name changed—
April 21, 1896, the name of Marshall Street Church of Elizabeth, was reported as changed to Greystone Church of Elizabeth, on account of change of location.

Died—
January 14, 1896, at Plainfield, N. J., Rev. Samuel Kellogg, aged eighty-seven.

SAMUEL PARRY,
Stated Clerk.

III.—THE PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY consists of forty-five ministers and thirty-three churches, and has under its care one local evangelist.

Candidates received under care of Presbytery—
April 21, 1896, Orville T. Fletcher, from Presbytery of Nassau.
June 2, 1896, Charles F. Taylor, from Presbytery of New York.
October 6, 1896, Henry W. Bainton, from Presbytery of New York.

Ordinations—
May 1, 1896, Orville T. Fletcher.
June 18, 1896 Charles F. Taylor.
October 21, 1896, Henry W. Bainton

Ministers dismissed—
October 6, 1896, Rev. Robert H. P. Miles, to the Presbytery of Nassau.
October 6, 1896, Rev. Orville T. Fletcher, to the Classis of Schenectady, Reformed Church.
October 21, 1896, Rev. Theodorus B. Hascall Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Newark.

Minister honorably retired—
April 21, 1896, Rev. Edward P. Crane.

Pastoral relation dissolved—
June 2, 1896, between Rev. Vernon B. Carroll and the church of Tenafly.

Minister died—
July 6, 1896, Rev. Richard Bentley, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

Church organized—
May 7, 1896, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, of Paterson.

GEORGE R. GARRETSON,
Stated Clerk.

IV.—THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH consists of fifty-one ministers and forty-nine churches, and has under its care eight licentiates and two candidates.

Ministers received—

October 7, 1896, Rev. James. J. Campbell, from the Presbytery of Olympia.

October 28, 1896, Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, from the Presbytery of Newark.

Candidate received by letter—

April 14, 1896, Henry White Herrman, from the Presbytery of Minneapolis.

Licentiates received—

April 14, 1896, Cortlandt P. Butler, from the Presbytery of Newton.

October 6, 1896, Albert D. Baldwin, from the Reformed Classis of Newark.

October 14, 1896, Frederic Mueller, from the Presbytery of Newark.

October 28, 1896, William Loyd Roberts, from the Presbytery of Chicago.

Licentiate dismissed—

September 14, 1896, Otto H. Dietrich, to Presbytery of Newark.

Licensures—

April 14, 1896, Otto H. Dietrich, Benj. H. Everitt, Joseph G. Symmes, Walter H. Semple, Henry White Herrman.

Ordinations—

October 28, 1895, William Moore.

May 6, 1896, Cortlandt P. Butler.

June 23, 1896, Walter H. Semple.

October 14, 1896, Frederic Mueller.

Minister dismissed—

October 28, 1896, Rev. J. Beatty Howell, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Erased from the roll—

April 15, 1896, Rev. Maxwell S. Rowland, according to Book of Discipline, Chap. 7, Sec. 53.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

April 15, 1896, Rev. Daniel Deruelle, and the Churches of Cream Ridge and New Egypt.

May 6, 1896, Rev. Richard R. Stier and the German Church of South River.

May 6, 1896, Rev. Samuel G. Webb and the Church of New Gretna.

June 23, 1896, Rev. Henry G. Smith and the Church of Freehold.

October 7, 1896, Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke D.D., and the Second Church, Cranbury.

Installations—

October 22, 1895, Rev. William Moore as pastor of the Church of Manchester.

May 6, 1896, Rev. Cortlandt P. Butler as pastor of Calvary Church, Riverton.

October 14, 1896, Rev. Frederic Mueller as pastor of the German Church, South River.

BENJAMIN S. EVERITT,
Stated Clerk.

V.—THE PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE consists of sixty-five ministers, forty-four churches, and has under its care two chapels.

Candidates received—

January 21, 1896, Israel A. White.

April 14, 1896, Charles Condit, R. D. Merrill.

Candidate dismissed—

June 16, 1896, R. D. Merrill, to the Presbytery of Nassau.

Ministers dismissed to other denominations—

April 14, 1896, Rev. F. C. Jones, to the Mendham Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

April 14, 1896, Rev. C. T. Anderson, to the Classis of New Brunswick.

April 14, 1896, Rev. James LaVelle, to the Classis of New York.

Licentiate dismissed—

January 21, 1896, Frank Voorhees, to the Presbytery of Nassau.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

January 21, 1896, Rev. A. W. Sherman and the Whippany Church.

September 15, 1896, Rev. C. B. Bullard and the Church at Parsippany.

September 15, 1896, Rev. W. J. Mewhinney and the Pleasant Grove Church.

STANLEY WHITE,
Stated Clerk.

VI.—THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK consists of fifty-nine ministers and thirty-five churches, and has under its care six licentiates, one local evangelist and eighteen candidates.

Ministers received—

October 16, 1895, Rev. Henry J. Weber, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

April 1, 1896, Rev. W. H. Cornett, from the Presbytery of Olympia.

May 6, 1896, Rev. Curtis E. Long, from the Presbytery of Mattoon.

May 6, 1896, Rev. George S. Mott, D.D., from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

May 6, 1896, Rev. Fred. W. Hock, from the North Classis of Long Island, Reformed (Dutch) Church of America.

May 10, 1896, Rev. Samuel F. Bacon, from the Presbytery of Newton.

Ministers dismissed—

November 25, 1895, Rev. Wm. A. Nordt, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

June 3, 1896, Rev. Edward J. Lloyd, to the Presbytery of Nassau.

October 7, 1896, Rev. Fred. W. Jackson, Jr., to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Ministers dropped from roll—

November 25, 1895, Rev. Howard T. Widdemer.

October 7, 1896, Rev. D. Chas. Preyer.

Ordinations, sine titulo—

April 12, 1896, Samuel Dobbins Price.

May 10, 1896, George Brauer.

July 20, 1896 Henry H. Hoops.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

November 24, 1895, between the Rev. Wm. A. Nordt and the Second German Church, Newark.

March 16, 1896, between the Rev. Edward J. Lloyd and the Verona Church.

September 17, 1896, between the Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley and the Fifth Avenue Church, Newark.

Installations—

November 7, 1895, Rev. Thos. R. Bridges, as pastor of the Second Church, Newark.

May 27, 1896, Rev. Fred. W. Hock, as pastor of the Second German Church, Newark.

Church organized—

April 22, 1896, Immanuel German Presbyterian Church at Newark.

Names of churches changed—

April 1, 1896, Woodside to Forest Hill, Newark.

April 1, 1896, North Park to House of Hope, Newark.

Licensures—

April 1, 1896, Henry M. Millen Fred. Mueller, Fred. Stoebener, August G. Bender, Henry H. Hoops.

Licentiate received—

October 7, 1896, Mr. Otto H. Dietrich, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Licentiates dismissed—

April 1, 1896, Mr. Edward Payson Berry, to the Presbytery of Troy.

June 3, 1896 Mr. August G Bender, to the North Classis of Long Island Reformed Church of America

October 7, 1896, Mr Fred. Mueller, to Presbytery of Monmouth.

Candidates received on examination—

June 3, 1896 Julius F. Wolff, Henry J. Harge Fred. C. S. Bosch Hervey A. Onque.

October 7, 1896 Reinhardt Strackmann.

Candidate dismissed—

October 28, 1895, Mr. William Tatlock to Presbytery of Cayuga.

JULIUS H. WOLFF
Stated Clerk.

VII.—THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK consists of sixty-three ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care twelve licentiates and fifty-four candidates.

Minister dismissed to another Presbytery—

April 21, 1896, Rev. George S. Mott, D.D., to the Presbytery of Newark.

Minister received—

October 28, 1896, Rev. James W. Rogan, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Ordinations, sine titulo—

April 27, 1896, Thomas H. Ayres and William H. Morrow.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

October 28, 1895, Rev. George S. Mott D.D., with Flemington church, to take effect November 25, 1895.

April 15, 1896, Rev. Benjamin G. Van Cleve, with churches of Milford and Holland, to take effect May 31, 1896.

Pastoral relations constituted—

October 27, 1895, Rev. Samuel McLanahan, installed pastor of Lawrenceville Church.

October 31, 1895, Rev. Samuel H. Potter, installed pastor of Amwell United First Church.

Candidates received on certificate—

April 14, 1896, Thomas H. Ayres from the Presbytery of Fairfield.

April 14, 1896, William McLaughlin, from the Presbytery of Chicago.

April 21, 1896, Samuel W. Steckel from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

Candidates received on examination—

April 14, 1896, Archibald B. Jamison, Hugh G. Moody, William C. Hogg, John Thompson, Joseph Hunter.

April 21, 1896, Charles C. Bradford, Edward S. Brearley, James A. Cargin, Oliver Crawford, George Fulton, Demeter N. Furnajieff, William B. Lusk David E. Morell, Joseph L. Scott, Nathaniel Stevenson, Luther M. Strayer James Stuart William J. Krieger, Joseph Gaston, James Meban, Alexander Smith, Nathaniel S. Reeves.

Licensures—

April 21, 1896, Thomas H. Ayres James D. Cameron, Will L. Freund, Charles E. Gubler, Archibald A. Jamison William J. Krieger, Hugh L. Moody, William H. Morrow, Charles O. Mudge, William L. Mudge, Albert E. Stuart James Stuart John Thompson, Robert Watson.

Licentiates dismissed to other Presbyteries—

December 26, 1895, George L. Robinson to Presbytery of Boston.

December 26, 1895, Charles Spurgeon McKinney, to Presbytery of Minneapolis.

April 21, 1896, Albert E. Stuart, to Presbytery of Philadelphia, North.

April 21, 1896, William L. Mudge, to Presbytery of Chester.

April 28, 1896, John Thompson, to Presbytery of Lehigh.

April 30, 1896, Robert Watson, to Presbytery of Chester.

May 29, 1896, James D. Cameron, to Presbytery of Binghamton.

June 4, 1896, Hugh L. Moody, to Presbytery of Carlisle.

September 5, 1896, William J. Krieger, to Presbytery of Aberdeen.

May 25, 1896, Neelo F. Janssen returned certificate of dismission to the Atlantic District of the German Evangelical Synod, granted July 27, 1895, and was dismissed to the Presbytery of Calgary, Canada.

Candidates dismissed to other Presbyteries—

December 28, 1895, George E. Cæsar, to Presbytery of Chester.

April 11, 1896, John Tathem Dunn, to Presbytery of Lackawanna.

April 15, 1896, William C. Hogg, to Presbytery of New Castle.

Minister deceased—

June 30, 1896, Rev. Aaron F. Hutchinson, aged seventy-nine years.

A. L. ARMSTRONG,
Stated Clerk.

VIII.—THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON consists of thirty nine ministers and thirty-five churches and has under its care thirteen candidates for the gospel ministry.

Ministers received—

January 21, 1896, Rev. John C. Chapman, from the Presbytery of Erie.

April 15, 1896, Rev. Nathaniel P. Crouse, from the Presbytery of Chester.

June 16, 1896, Rev. Percy Y. Schelly, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

June 16, 1896, Rev. Edward A. McLaury, from the Presbytery of West Jersey.

Candidates received—

April 14, 1896, Willard R. Decker on examination.

April 15, 1896, William A. Berger on examination.

Ministers dismissed—

October 31, 1895, Rev. Alfred N. Raven, to the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

April 14, 1896, Rev. Samuel F. Bacon to the Presbytery of Newark.

April 15, 1896, Rev. Uzal W. Condit, Ph D., to the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Licentiate dismissed—

January 21, 1896, Cortlandt P. Butler, to the care of the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

October 6, 1896, Rev. Robert A. Bryant, with the Church of Asbury, to take effect the same day.

October 6, 1896, Rev. George B. Crawford, with the Church of Franklin Furnace, to take effect October 18.

October 6, 1896, Rev. John P. Clarke, with the Church of Stillwater, to take effect October 11.

Pastoral relations constituted—

October 8, 1895, Rev. Albert L. Kelly, installed pastor of the Churches of Delaware and Knowlton.

October 31, 1895, Rev. William E. Faulkner, installed pastor of the Church of Yellow Frame.

January 16, 1896, Rev. Edward K. Donaldson, installed pastor of the Church of Stanhope

February 4, 1896, Rev. John C. Chapman, installed pastor of the Church of Hackettstown.

April 28 1896, Rev. George H. S. Campbell, D.D., installed pastor of the Churches of Beattystown and Mansfield Second.

May 21, 1896, Rev. Nathaniel P. Crouse, installed pastor of the Church of Danville.

June 18, 1896, Rev. Edward A. McLaury, installed pastor of the Church of Marksboro.

June 24, 1896. Rev. Percy Y. Schelly installed pastor of the First Church of Phillipsburg.

Church organizations dissolved—

January 21, 1896, Hope, Papakating and Swartswood.

E. CLARKE CLINE,
Stated Clerk.

IX. THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY consists of fifty-three ministers and fifty-five churches, and has under its care three licentiates and seven candidates

Ministers received—

March 3, 1896, William Dayton Roberts from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

March 3, 1896, Daniel B. Anderson from the Presbytery of Chester.

April 21, 1896, John B. McCorkell, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

October 28, Joel S. Gilfillan, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Minister received from a foreign body—

June 30, 1896, James Pattison, Presbyterian Church of Queensland, the requirements having been fulfilled.

Minister dismissed to another Presbytery—

April 21, 1896, Edward A. McLaury, to the Presbytery of Newton.

Minister dismissed to another denomination—

January 28, 1896, Clearfield Park, to the Classis of Ulster N. Y.

Ordinations—

October 21, 1895, Thomas H. Medd.

October 24, 1895, Thomas Fragale.

May 14, 1896, John A. Brown.

Installations—

October 21, 1895, Thomas H. Medd as pastor of Atco Church.

October 22, 1895, Henry Reeves, Ph.D., as pastor of Gloucester City Church.

October 24, 1895, Thomas Fragale, as pastor of Italian Evangelical Church, Hammonton.

March 12, 1896, William Dayton Roberts, as pastor of Camden First Church.

May 14, 1896, John A. Brown, as pastor of Williamstown Church.

July 10, 1896, F. J. Mundy, D.D., as pastor of Olivet Church, Atlantic City.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

January 28, 1896, Harry L. Janeway and Williamstown Church.
April 21, 1896, Edward A. McLaury and Osborn Memorial Church, Cedarville.
April 21, 1896, Alfred P. Botsford and Wenonah Church.
June 30, 1896, John Turner and Deerfield Church.
October 28, 1896, D. I. Camp and Tuckahoe Church.

Candidates received on Certificate—

April 21, 1896, John A. Brown from Presbytery of Baltimore.
May 14, 1896, Francis H. Laird, from Presbytery of Newcastle.

Candidates received on examination—

January 28, Egidius Kellmayer.
June 30, 1896, J. E. Charlesworth.
September 29, 1896, J. Harry Frome.
September 29, 1896, Vincent Merrill.

Licentiate received—

October 16, 1895, Thomas H. Medd, from Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Licensures—

April 21, 1896, John A. Brown.
April 21, 1896, Theodore A. Elmer.
September 29, 1896, Francis H. Laird.

Churches organized—

April 27, 1896, Olivet Church, at Atlantic City.
July 13, 1896, Logan Memorial Church, at Audubon.
September 15, 1896, Church at Holly Beach.
October 23, 1896, Ocean City First Church.

Minister deceased—

July 31, 1896, William H. Belden, at Clifton Springs, N. Y., aged fifty-five years.

HENRY REEVES,
Stated Clerk.

Standing Rules of the Synod.

I.—The Synod shall meet annually, on the third Tuesday of October, at 3 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered.

II.—The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator, a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, a Recording Clerk and a Treasurer.

III.—The Moderator shall be elected annually, after calling the roll of the Presbyteries for nominations, when the Presbytery which has been longest without having a representative in the Moderator's chair shall be called first. The Clerks and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, unless otherwise ordered, and shall hold office during the pleasure of Synod.

IV.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to cause a notice of the time and place of meeting to be published in the religious papers most current in the Synod, at least three weeks prior to the time of meeting; to lay on the Moderator's table, at the opening of Synod, a printed docket of business; to preserve the proceedings of Synod in printed form; to file and preserve all important papers coming into the possession of Synod; to furnish certified copies of minutes to those properly entitled to them; to conduct the correspondence of Synod; to transmit to the General Assembly the Statistical Report and the duly certified printed Records of Synod; to send a printed copy of the minutes of each annual meeting of Synod to every Minister, to the Session of each vacant church, and to each Ruling Elder who attended that meeting; and to cause the copies that have been submitted to the General Assembly to be bound in volumes at suitable intervals. The Stated Clerk shall print an Appendix to the Minutes, which shall contain all the papers and reports presented to Synod that are of permanent value. But in preparing such materials for publication he shall be authorized to abridge the same, except where resolutions and recommendations have been adopted by Synod, and when otherwise ordered by Synod.

V.—The Permanent Clerk shall prepare a roll of Synod before the opening. To enable him to do this, all members shall report themselves to him on arrival at the place of meeting. To him reasons for absence or late attendance shall be given, and of

him permission to leave shall be obtained. He shall be the Reading Clerk, call the roll, and otherwise assist the Stated Clerk as he may require; and he shall act as Stated Clerk in the absence or disability of that officer.

VI.—The Recording Clerk shall make the minutes of the proceedings of Synod from day to day, and deliver them to the Stated Clerk on the adjournment of Synod; and he shall act as Permanent Clerk in the absence or disability of that officer.

VII.—The compensation of the Stated Clerk shall be one hundred dollars per annum, that of the Permanent and Recording Clerks, thirty dollars respectively.

VIII.—The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Synod for contingent expenses, and render an itemized account at each annual meeting.

COMMITTEES.

IX.—The Committees of Synod shall be divided into three classes, viz.: Standing, Permanent and Special.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The STANDING COMMITTEES, to be appointed by the Moderator at each annual meeting, shall be as follows:

1. ON BILLS AND OVERTURES, seven members—four Ministers, of whom one shall be the retiring Moderator, and three Ruling Elders.

2. ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS, seven members—four Ministers and three Ruling Elders.

3. ON RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES, three members for each Presbytery—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

4. ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

5. ON NARRATIVE, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

6. ON FINANCE, four members—two Ministers and two Ruling Elders, who shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Treasurers of the different funds; and arrange the apportionment of the amount required from each Presbytery for contingent expenses.

X.—The Committee of Arrangements shall consist of all the Presbyterian Pastors and one Ruling Elder from each church in the place where the Synod meets, together with the Stated Clerk of Synod, the Pastor of the church in which Synod meets to be chairman. They shall provide accommodations for the Synod; suggest hours of meeting and adjournment; arrange for public services, and the persons to conduct them, and provide for hearing representatives of the Boards.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

XI.—The Permanent Committees of the Synod shall be as follows:

1. ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS, eight members—one for each home Presbytery.

2. ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, one member from the Presbytery of Corisco; the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee on Foreign Missions and one Ruling Elder, from each home Presbytery.

3. ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS, nine members one for each Presbytery.

4. ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK, eight members; the chairman of the Committee on Sabbath school Work in each home Presbytery.

5. ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

6. ON TEMPERANCE, nine members—one from each home Presbytery, besides the chairman.

7. ON UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS AND VACANT CHURCHES, eight members - one from each home Presbytery.

8. ON NECROLOGY, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

9. ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE, eight members - one from each home Presbytery.

10. ON WORK AMONG FOREIGN POPULATIONS, five members - three Ministers and two Ruling Elders.

11. ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES, a chairman appointed by Synod and the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees on Young People's Societies.

XII.—The Permanent Committees shall each report to Synod annually upon the matters assigned to them, and recommend suitable action to be taken by Synod in relation thereto.

XIII.—The Necrological Committee shall present, at the annual meeting, brief obituary notices of all Ministers of Synod who have deceased during the Synodical year.

XIV.—Each Presbytery belonging to the Synod shall send a written Narrative of the State of Religion within its bounds to the Synod's Committee on Narrative, at least one week previous to the stated meeting of Synod.

XV.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered at each stated meeting of the Synod, under the superintendence of the retiring Moderator, or the Minister presiding in his place, at such time and place as the Committee of Arrangements shall designate.

XVI.—The Committee on Systematic Beneficence shall co-operate with the Stated Clerk and the Committee of Arrangements in selecting topics and securing speakers to address the Synod upon the subjects of Benevolence and Church Work, and the evening session of the second day of the meeting of Synod shall be devoted exclusively to popular addresses by Secretaries of Boards or others.

XVII.—All notices of, or calls for, meetings of Presbyteries or Committees, and all resolutions shall be in writing and read by the Clerk.

XVIII.—The rules for Judicatories adopted by the General Assembly shall be the rules of the Synod, so far as they apply.

XIX.—These rules may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote, but if notice of a proposed change has been given at a previous stated meeting, a majority may amend or repeal; and any one of these rules may be temporarily suspended by a majority vote.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Synodical Home Missions.

REV. JOHN DIXON, D.D.,
REV. CHARLES D. SHAW, D.D.,
REV. J. GARLAND HAMNER, JR.,
REV. THEODORE F. WHITE, D.D.,
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REV. ALFRED H. DASHIELL, D.D.,
REV. WILLIAM THOMSON,
REV. FREDERIC R. BRACE, PH.D.

Foreign Missions.

REV. R. HAMILL NASSAU, D.D.,
REV. WILLIAM R. RICHARDS, D D ,
REV. ISRAEL W. HATHAWAY. D.D.,
REV. ALEX. H. YOUNG, D.D.,
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Moderators Since the Reunion.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATOR.	PRESBYTERY.
June 21, 1870	Elizabeth, .	*Rev. Jona. F. Stearns, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 18, 1870	Morristown, .	*Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D.,	Jersey City.
Oct. 17, 1871	Bloomfield, .	Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., .	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 15, 1872	Trenton, . .	*Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., . .	Monmouth.
Oct. 21, 1873	Washington,	Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 20, 1874	Camden, . .	*Rev. J. M. McDonald, D.D., .	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1875	Orange, . .	Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D.,	Elizabeth.
Oct. 17, 1876	Elizabeth, .	Rev. Thomas McCauley, . . .	Newton.
Oct. 16, 1877	Newark, . .	Rev. E. Kempshall, D.D., . .	Elizabeth.
Oct. 15, 1878	Morristown, .	Rev. William Bannard, DD.. .	West Jersey.
Oct. 21, 1879	Trenton, . .	Rev. Abraham Gosman, DD.,	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1880	Bridgeton, .	Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct 18, 1881	Asbury Park,	*Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, D.D ,	Monmouth.
Oct. 17, 1882	Hackettstown	*Rev. Alfred Yeomans, D D., .	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 16, 1883	Orange, . .	Rev. Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D ,	Jersey City.
Oct. 21, 1884	Elizabeth, .	*Rev. Samuel M. Hamill, D.D.,	New Brunswick.
Oct. 20, 1885	Atlantic City,	Rev. Allen H. Brown, ...	West Jersey.
Oct. 18, 1886	Camden, . .	Rev. William Thomson, . . .	Newton.
Oct. 17. 1887	Asbury Park,	*Rev. Frank Chandler, D.D., .	Monmouth.
Oct. 15, 1888	Asbury Park,	Rev. K. P. Ketcham, D.D., .	Elizabeth.
Oct. 21, 1889	Asbury Park,	*Rev. Henry M. Storrs, D.D., .	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 20, 1890	Atlantic City,	Rev. David R. Frazer, D D., .	Newark.
Oct. 20, 1891	Long Branch,	Rev. Charles D Shaw, D D.,	Jersey City.
Oct. 18, 1892	Belvidere, .	Rev. R. Hamill Nassau, D.D ,	Corisco.
Oct. 17, 1893	Bridgeton, .	Rev. S. M. Studdiford, D.D., .	New Brunswick.
Oct. 16, 1894	Trenton, . .	Rev. Frederic R. Brace, Ph D ,	West Jersey.
Oct. 15, 1895	N. Brunswick,	Rev. Henry S. Butler, D D., .	Newton.
Oct. 27, 1896	Atlantic City,	Rev. Benjamin S Everitt, D.D ,	Monmouth.

*Deceased.

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Hamner, J. Garland, Jr., Newark. N'rk.
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Hodge, Richard M., Fredericksburg, Va Mon.
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Hollinshed, William, Sparta. M. & O.
Honeyman, William E., Plainfield. Eliz.
Hooper, Washington A., West Summit. M. & O.
Hoops, Henry H., Newark. N'rk.
Hoppaugh, William, Springfield. Eliz
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Huntting, James M., Hackettstown. Newt.
Hutchinson, David W., Paterson. J. C.
Hutchison, John, Arlington. N'rk.
Hutchison, S. Nye, Belvidere. Newt
Hynson, Nathan Dushane, Manasquan. Mon.

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